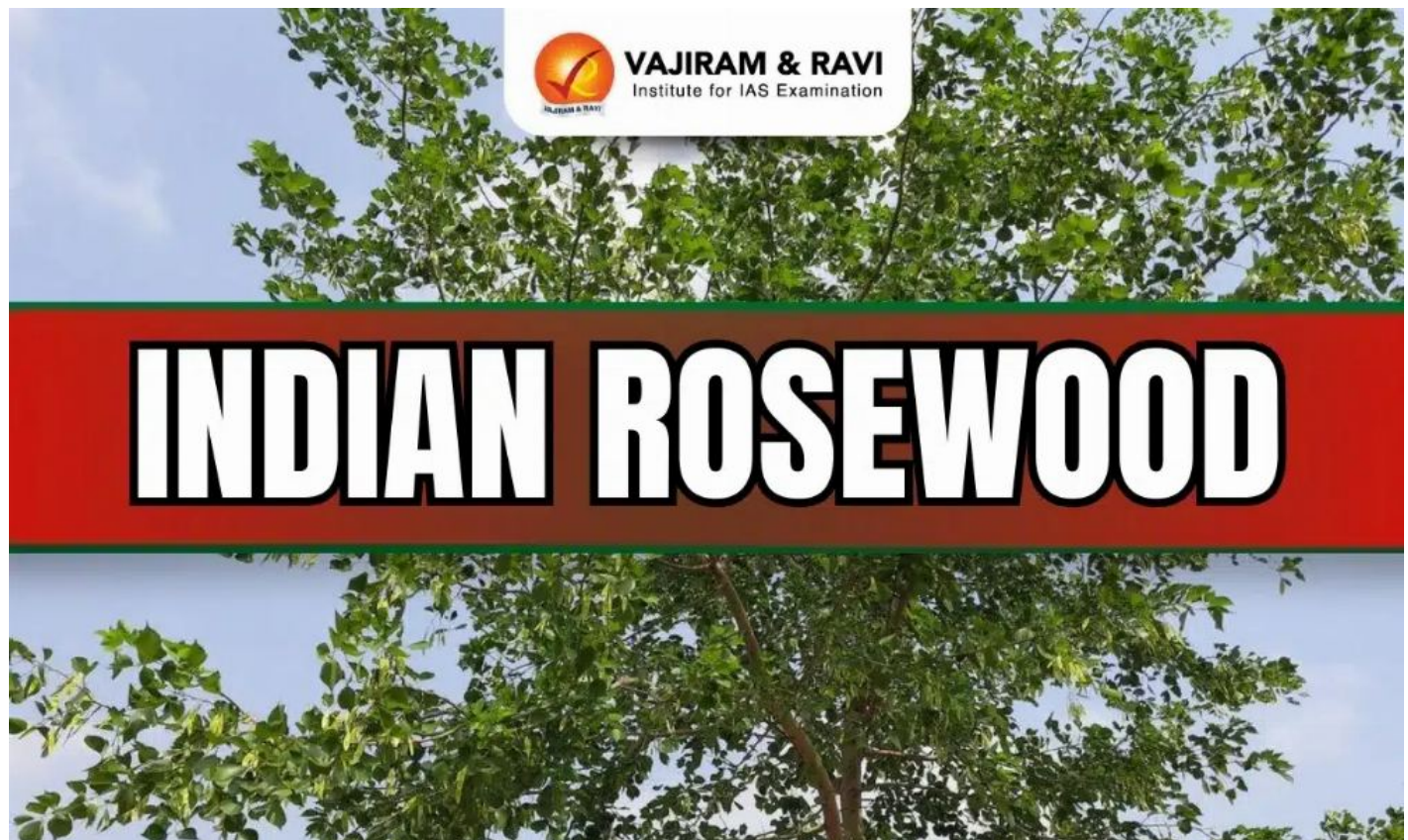


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According to recent habitat modelling by the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), Bengaluru, only 17.2% of India's suitable habitat for *Dalbergia latifolia* — Indian rosewood — lies within protected areas.

About Indian Rosewood

- **Indian Rosewood i.e Dalbergia sissoo** (North Indian rosewood) is often called the "ivory of the forests,"
- **Indian Rosewood** is a fast-growing, hardy, deciduous crooked rosewood
- **Distribution:** It is native to the **foothills of the Himalayas**, ranging from Afghanistan in the **west to Bihar, India, in the east**.
- **Habitat:** It is primarily found **growing along river banks** above 200 m (700 ft) elevation, but can range naturally up to 1,400 m (4,600 ft).
- It has long, leathery leaves and whitish or pink flowers.
- Indian rosewood is prized for **its rich grain, deep colour, and exceptional durability**.

- It serves as both a premium timber resource for the furniture and handicraft industries and a **keystone ecological species**.
- It is commonly used for furniture, musical instruments, decorative items and veneers.
- **Ecological Significance:** Rosewood trees **improve soil fertility through nitrogen fixation**, support bird and insect diversity, and act as long-term carbon sinks.
- **Concerns:** Researchers observed that **populations are dominated by mature**, ageing trees with almost no regeneration in the wild. Seedlings are rare, and in many areas, entirely absent.

Conservation status of Indian Rosewood

- **IUCN:** Vulnerable
- **CITES list:** Appendix II

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