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Recently, a team of researchers have successfully used to study nest site fidelity in painted stork (*Mycteria leucocephala*) in the National Zoological Park, Delhi.

About Painted Stork

- It is a large wading bird belonging to **the stork family**.
- **Habitat:** They favor **freshwater wetlands**, but they also frequent irrigation canals and agricultural fields, particularly during the monsoon when rice fields are flooded.
- **Distribution:** It is found in the wetlands of the plains of **tropical Asia** south of the Himalayas in the Indian Subcontinent and extending into Southeast Asia.
- They are **not migratory** and only make short-distance movements in some parts of their range in response to changes in weather or food availability or for breeding.
- **Food:** Painted **storks are carnivores** (piscivores). Their diet consists mainly of small fish, but also crustaceans, amphibians, insects, and reptiles.

- They immerse their half open beaks in water and sweep them from side to side and snap up their prey of small fish that are sensed by touch.
- **Conservation Status: IUCN Red List:** Near Threatened

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