

Melghat Tiger Reserve

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Recently, the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) has released 15 critically endangered Indian vultures at the Melghat Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra.

About Melghat Tiger Reserve

- **Location:** It is situated in the **state of Maharashtra**.
- It is located on the **southern offshoot of the Satpura Hill Range** in Central India, called **Gavilgarh Hill**.
- It was the **first tiger reserve in Maharashtra**.
- The name 'Melghat' means the confluence of various 'ghats' or valleys, as is typical from the landscape of this tiger reserve.
- **Vegetation:** The forest is **tropical dry deciduous in nature**, dominated by teak.
- **Rivers:** The reserve is a catchment area for five major rivers: the **Khandu, Khapra, Sipna, Gadga, and Dolar**, all of which are **tributaries of the river Tapti**.

- **Boundaries:** The **Tapti River** and the **Gawilgad ridge** of the Satpura Range form the boundaries of the reserve.
- **Tribes:** The **Korkus** are the largest tribal community in Melghat. Other communities include the Gawli community, the Gond tribe,
- **Flora:** Some of the common species are teak, Lagerstroemia Parviflora, Terminalia Tomentosa, Ougeinia Oojeinensis, Emblica Officinalis, Bamboo, etc.
- **Fauna:** Sloth Bear, Indian Gaur, Sambar deer, Leopard, Nilgais, dhole, hyena, jungle cat, langur, etc.
 - It is considered a stronghold of the **critically endangered forest owl**.

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