

Sanctuaries/Biosphere Reserves

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- **PYQs, Decoded:** All key concepts from past exams, organized and simplified.
- **Revise in Record Time:** Short, precise, and designed for last-minute review.
- **Focus on What Matters:** Master high-probability topics and boost your confidence.

1. Conservation Initiatives & Projects

A. Project Tiger



- Launched in **1973** by the Government of India.
- Primary objective: **To save the Indian tiger from extinction.**
- **Betla National Park** in Jharkhand is one of the tiger reserves under this project.

B. M-STrIPES

- Stands for **Monitoring System for Tigers - Intensive Protection and Ecological Status.**
- A tool used for the **maintenance and protection of Tiger Reserves.**
- Comprises field-based patrol processes and GIS-based software for data analysis.

C. In-situ Conservation

- The method used for **maintaining genetic diversity in National Parks.**
- It involves conserving species in their natural habitat.

2. Important Dates & Days

A. International Tiger Day

- Observed globally on **29th July**.
- Aim: To raise awareness about tiger conservation.
- First established at the **Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in 2010**.

3. Protected Areas in India

A. National Parks

- **Jim Corbett National Park** (Uttarakhand) is the **first National Park of India**, established in **1936**.
- The number of National Parks has changed over time (e.g., 96 in 1993, 106 at the time of the data's compilation).
- **Satpura National Park** (Madhya Pradesh) is home to **Dhoopgarh Peak**.
- **Rani Jhansi Maritime National Park** was founded in **1996** in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

B. Wildlife Sanctuaries & Reserves

- **Periyar Game Sanctuary** (Kerala) is famous for its **Wild Elephants**.
- **Gir National Park** (Gujarat) is the **home of the Asiatic Lion**.
- **Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary** (Bhagalpur, Bihar) is India's **first Dolphin Observatory**.
- Most wildlife protected areas in India are surrounded by **Dense Forests**.

C. Tiger Reserves

- The **Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve** (spread across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana) is the **largest tiger habitat** in India and has the **largest area under "Critical Tiger Habitat"**.

D. Other Protected Areas

- **Rajiv Gandhi National Park** is located in **Karnataka** (also known as Nagarhole Forest).
- The **National Zoological Park** in **New Delhi** is sometimes referred to as the National Biological Garden.

4. Biosphere Reserves

- India has several Biosphere Reserves, including **Great Nicobar, Sunderbans, Nanda Devi, and Gulf of Mannar**.
- The **Gulf of Kachchh (Kutch)** was not a designated biosphere reserve in 1995 but was later added to the list in 2008.

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