Sanctuary Basics

Wildlife Sanctuary kya hai?

- Protected area jahan wildlife aur uska natural habitat conserve hota hai.
- Habitat = jahan species ko food, water aur shelter milte hain.
- Forest, grassland, wetland, river ya marine area bhi ho sakta hai.

Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972

Sec. 18 → State Govt. ka intention notification
Sec. 26A → Sanctuary ki final declaration
Sec. 27-28 → Entry rules aur permits
Sec. 33 → Chief Wild Life Warden manages it

> Hunting generally prohibited hai.
> Tourism aur research ke liye permit mil sakta hai.

Sanctuary vs National Park

- Sanctuary → Kuch existing rights continue ho sakte hain. Grazing regulate ya ban ho sakti hai.
- National Park (Sec. 35) → Land rights State Govt. mein vest hote hain. Livestock grazing par general ban hai.

North & Central India

Himalayan belt

- Changthang — Ladakh → Kiang (Tibetan wild ass)
- Kedarnath — Uttarakhand → Musk deer
- Kugti — Himachal Pradesh → Himalayan ibex

Northern plains

- Harike — Punjab → Beas + Sutlej ka sangam
- Hastinapur — Uttar Pradesh → Ganga floodplain
- Asola Bhatti — Delhi-Haryana → Aravalli landscape

Central India

- Nauradehi — Madhya Pradesh → Dry forests
- Barnawapara — Chhattisgarh → Forest habitat
- National Chambal → MP + Rajasthan + UP

Chambal River → Gharial + Ganges river dolphin

☆ Naam mein "National" hai. Category = Sanctuary.



West India

✡ Gujarat

- Indian Wild Ass Sanctuary → Little Rann of Kutch
  Animal → Indian wild ass (ghudkhar)
- Kachchh Desert Sanctuary → Great Rann of Kutch
- Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary → Wetland birds

✡ Rajasthan

- Tal Chhapar → Blackbuck + grassland
- Kumbhalgarh → Aravalli Hills

✡ Maharashtra & Goa

- Bhimashankar (Maharashtra) → Indian giant squirrel
- Radhanagari (Maharashtra) → Gaur
- Bhagwan Mahavir (Goa) → Western Ghats

Little Rann → Wild Ass Sanctuary

Great Rann → Kachchh Desert Sanctuary



South India

☆ Karnataka

- Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary → Cauvery River
- Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary → Western Ghats

☆ Kerala

- Wayanad → Nilgiri landscape + Asian elephant
- Chinnar → Grizzled giant squirrel

☆ Tamil Nadu

- Vedanthangal → Waterbirds ka nesting site
- Point Calimere → Flamingos + blackbuck

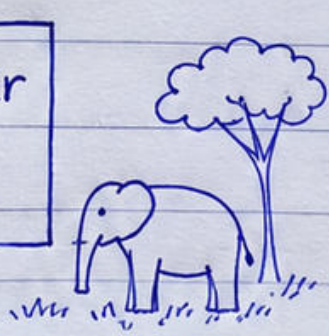
☆ Andhra Pradesh

- Coringa → Godavari delta ke mangroves
- Kolleru → Krishna aur Godavari deltas ke beech

☆ Telangana

- Eturnagaram → Godavari landscape

Indian giant squirrel → Bhimashankar
Grizzled giant squirrel → Chinnar



East & Northeast India

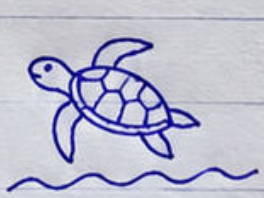
☆ East India

- Gahirmatha Marine (Odisha) → Olive Ridley turtles
- Nalabana (Odisha) → Chilika Lake ke waterbirds
- Vikramshila (Bihar) → Ganges river dolphin
- Dalma (Jharkhand) → Asian elephant
- Sajnekhali (West Bengal) → Sundarbans mangroves

☆ Northeast India

- Pobitora (Assam) → One-horned rhinoceros
- Hoollongapar (Assam) → Hoolock gibbon
- Eaglenest (Arunachal Pradesh) → Bugun liocichla
- Dampa (Mizoram) → Wildlife sanctuary + tiger reserve
- Sepahijala (Tripura) → Spectacled langur

Turtle nesting → Gahirmatha
River dolphin → Vikramshila



Bird, Marine & Island Sites

☆ Bird sanctuaries

- Pulicat → Brackish lagoon, Andhra Pradesh + Tamil Nadu
- Vedanthangal → Tamil Nadu
- Ranganathittu → Karnataka
- Nalabana → Chilika, Odisha

☆ Marine / island examples

- Gahirmatha Marine → Odisha coast
- Interview Island Wildlife Sanctuary → Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- Pitti Bird Sanctuary → Lakshadweep

☆ Exam traps



- Ramsar tag = Wetland of international importance.
- Harike + Ranganathittu → Sanctuary aur Ramsar site.
- Bhitarkanika → Wildlife sanctuary aur national park, dono names milte hain.

Site ka exact official name aur category check karo.

Quick Revision • Mini Quiz

1. Wild Ass Sanctuary kis area mein hai?
   A. Great Rann B. Little Rann C. Aravalli

2. Gahirmatha kis species ke liye famous hai?
   A. Gharial B. Gaur C. Olive Ridley

3. Ranganathittu kis river par hai?
   A. Cauvery B. Chambal C. Beas

4. Harike kis sangam par hai?
   A. Ganga-Yamuna B. Beas-Sutlej C. Ravi-Beas

5. Hoollongapar kis state mein hai?
   A. Assam B. Odisha C. Kerala

6. Sanctuary declaration ka section?
   A. § 35 B. § 27 C. § 26A



Answers → 1-B, 2-C, 3-A, 4-B, 5-A, 6-C

☆ Sanctuary → State → Species / River / Habitat