

## Conservation of Plants and Animals

### National Park & Sanctuaries

The large and diverse reserves to protect whole sets of ecosystem including flora, fauna, landscape and historical objects of an area are termed as national park.

**National park:** A national park is characterised by an area reserved for the betterment of wildlife where foresting, grassing or cultivation is prohibited. It protects the flora and fauna of the reserved area. Private ownership is not allowed in a national park.

OR

Areas reserved for wild life where they can freely use the habitats and natural resources. There are 97 national parks in India.

- **World's first National park** - Yellow Stone National Park, Kew [England]
- **India's first National park** - Jim Corbett National Park, Nainital [Uttaranchal]
- **Kaziranga National Park** - Assam
- **Kanha National Park (M.P.)** - Tiger
- **Gir Forest National Park (Gujarat)** - Asiatic Lion, Chital, Sambhars.
- **Khangchendzonga National Park**- Gangtok ⇒ famous for protection of Snow Leopard (*Panthera uncia*)

A FEW NATIONAL PARKS OF INDIA			
S.No.	National Park	City/State	Animals Conserved
1	Kanha	Mandla, Madhya pradesh	Tiger, chital, smabar, black buck, barasingha
2	Corbett	Nainital, Uttarakhand	Tiger, panther, elephat, deer, antelope, phyton
3	Simplipal	Mayurbhanj, Orrisa	Tiger, leopard, sambar, bison, elephat, chital, wild boar

4	Gir	Junagarh, Gujarat	Lion, panther, hyena, chinkara, crocodile
5	Bandipur	Mysore, Karnataka	Elephant, tiger, jackal, gaur
6	Ranthambore	Sawai-Madhopur, Rajasthan	Tiger, panther, hyena, nilgai, graven pigeon
7	Kazirang	Jorhat, Assam	Rhinoceros, wild buffalo, elephant, tiger

### Sanctuaries :

A wildlife sanctuary is aimed at protecting the wild animals. In a wildlife sanctuary, cutting of trees for timber and other forest products is permitted to private operators with specific instructions to ensure that the well being of wild animals does not suffer. At present there are 508 sanctuaries in India. OR Areas where animals are protected from any disturbance to them and their habitat.

- Keoladeo Ghana Bird Sanctuary, Bharatpur (Rajasthan) Famous for migratory bird - Siberian Crane, Egrets.
- Shikari Devi Sanctuary- Mandi (Himachal Pradesh) Black bear, Snow leopard, Flying fox, Barking deer.
- Dachigam Sanctuary, Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir) Hangul- Kashmir stag.
- Annamalai Sanctuary, Coimbatore [Tamilnadu] Tiger, elephants
- Desert National Park - Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- Sariska National Park - Alwar, Rajasthan