



Sundarban National Park

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- The Sundarban National Park is located in the south-east of Calcutta in the District of **West Bengal** and **forms part of the Gangetic Delta**.
- The Sundarbans mangrove forest, one of the **largest such forests in the world**, lies across **India and Bangladesh** on the delta of the Ganges, Brahmaputra and Meghna rivers on the Bay of Bengal.
- It is adjacent to the border of India's Sundarbans **World Heritage site** inscribed in **1987**.
- The site is intersected by a complex network of tidal waterways, mudflats and small islands of salt-tolerant mangrove forests, and presents an excellent example of ongoing ecological processes.
- The area is known for its wide range of fauna, including 260 bird species, the **Bengal tiger** and other threatened species such as the **estuarine crocodile** and the **Indian python**.

It is home to many rare and globally threatened wildlife species such as the estuarine crocodile, Royal Bengal Tiger, Water monitor lizard, **Gangetic dolphin**, and **olive ridley turtles**.