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Bengaluru Bannerghatta Biological Park

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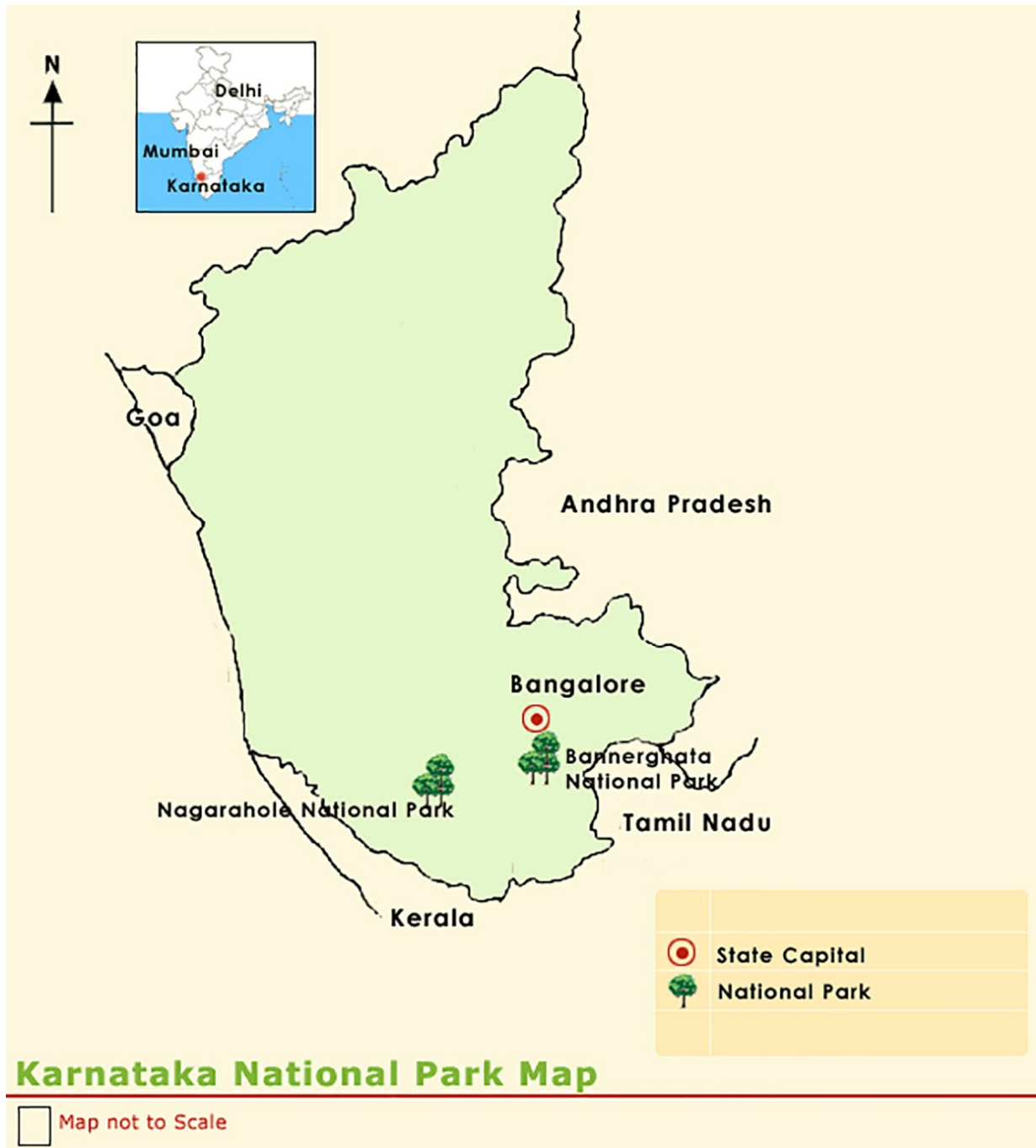
Bengaluru's Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBBP), Karnataka has come out with the **Animal Adoption Programme** to conserve wildlife and allow people to **adopt animals** at the zoo during the **lockdown** period.

- The programme provides an opportunity to get involved with the feeding and veterinary care expenses for zoo animals with a provision for **Income Tax rebate under 80G**.
- The BBBP has released a list of **animals that can be adopted**: King cobra, Indian rock python, Black buck, Sambar, Emu, Golden jackal, Indian leopard, Sloth bear, Hippopotamus, Bengal tiger, Giraffe, etc.

Key Points

- In **2004**, BBBP was **carved out of the Bannerghatta National Park (BNP)** and brought under the **Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK)**.
BNP which was declared a **national park in 1974**.
- BBBP has **four divisions**: the zoo, the safari, the butterfly park and the rescue centre. It is one among the few places in the world where wilderness is preserved so close to a big city.
- The **valley of Champakadhama hills** is inside the park.
- **Objectives**:
 - To complement and strengthen national efforts in ex-situ conservation of biodiversity.
 - To support the conservation of endangered species.
 - To provide opportunities for scientific studies, research and documentation on conservation and creation databases.
 - To bring awareness to the public and provide recreational opportunity to the visitors.

- **Flora:** Scrub type (dry deciduous forests), southern tropical dry deciduous forests, southern tropical moist mixed forests.
- **Fauna:** Elephant, Chital, Barking Deer, Striped Hyena, Porcupine, Peafowl, Grey Jungle Fowl, Partridges, crocodiles, tortoise, python, varieties of butterflies, etc.



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