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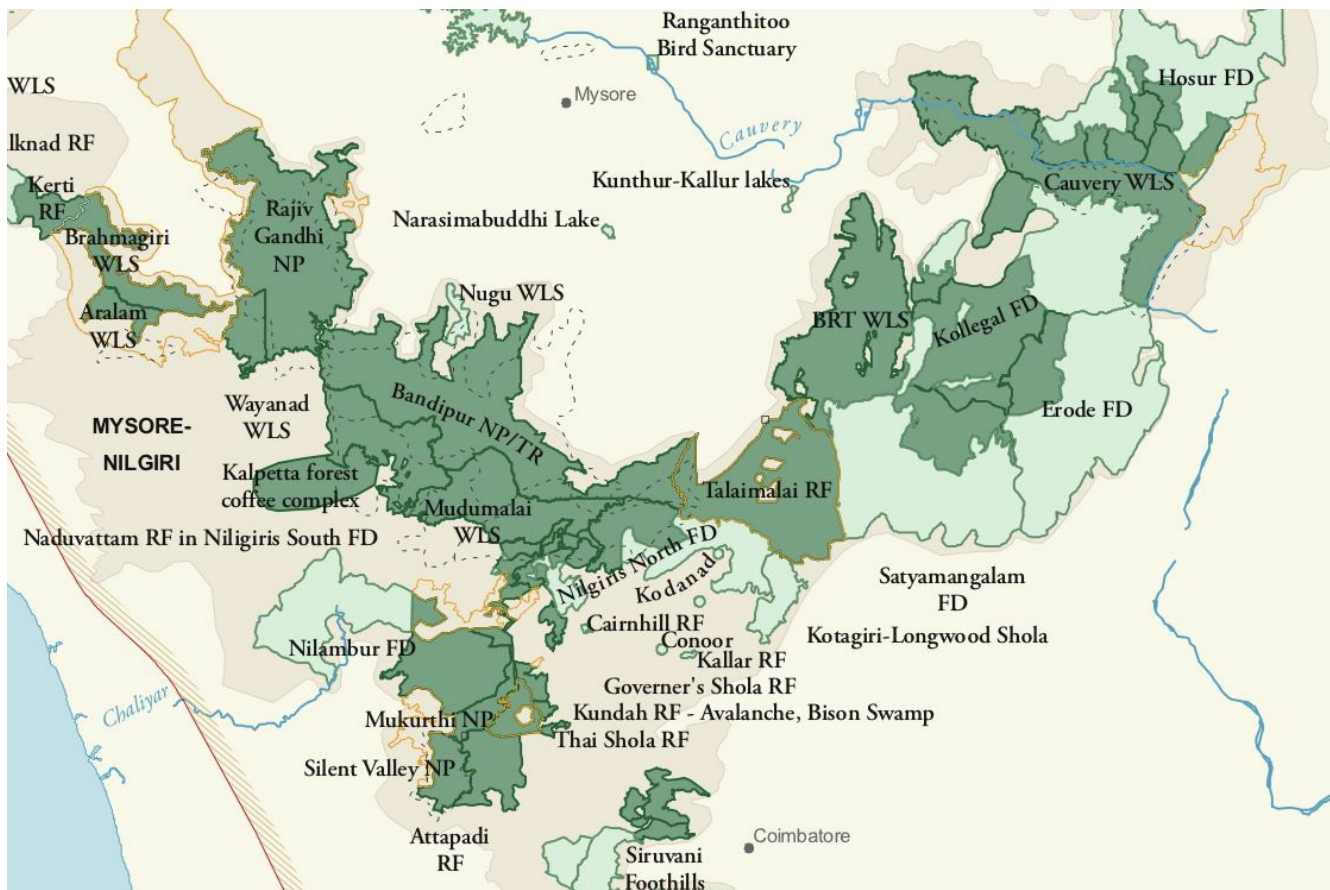
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve

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Why in News

Recently, rejuvenation camp for captive elephants was inaugurated inside the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR).

- **tri-junction Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.** Mudumalai Tiger Reserve is located in the Nilgiris District of Tamil Nadu state at the of three states, viz,
- **stpart of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (1 Biosphere Reserve in India)Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (Kerala) Bandipur National Park (Karnataka)** It is a along with in the West,in the North, Mukurthi National Park and Silent Valley in the South.



Western Ghats were formed. The name Mudumalai means " the ancient hill range". Indeed, it is as old as 65 million years when

Important Flora and Fauna

- **Flora:**
 - **'Elephant Grass'**. The Reserve has tall grasses, commonly referred to as
 - **BambooTeak, Rosewood,** of the giant variety, valuable timber species like etc.
 - **endemic flora.** There are several species of
- **Fauna:**
 - **TigerAsian Elephant. and** Flagship Species:
 - **Other species:Malabar Giant Squirrel, Wild Dog,** Indian Gaur, Spotted Deer, Common Langur, Jungle Cat among others.
 - **Birds:**
 - **more than 260 species of birds.** Reserve has got a wide variety of
 - **8% of bird species** found in India are recorded in Mudumalai.
 - **rare birds**This includes like Malabar grey hornbill, Malabar pied hornbill, Malabar laughing thrush among others.

Other Tiger Reserves in Tamil Nadu

- **Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR)**
- **Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR)**
- **Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR)**

Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve

- **Tamil Nadu.** Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR) lies in Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari District of
- **dry thorn forest to dry deciduous.** Vegetation types gradually change from
- **Nation's first Tiger Sanctuary**Mundanthurai Tiger Sanctuary was declared as during 1962, much before Tiger conservation was a national focus.
- **Lion Tailed Macaque.** Kalakad Wildlife Sanctuary was established in 1976 primarily for the conservation of
- **River ThamirabaraniRiver Sanctuary.** and 13 other rivers originate from KMTR. Hence, KMTR is called popularly as

Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve

- **(STR)Western and Eastern Ghats.** Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve is located at the confluence region of

- **contiguous to other Tiger conservation landscapes like BRT, Bandipur, Mudumalai and Nagarhole.** This area holds a significant population of tiger, and it is also
- The region is also a part of Nilgiri-Eastern Ghats Elephant Reserve.
- **Black Buck, Four Horned Antelope, White Backed Vulture,**It has got a high diversity of flora and fauna owing to its location. Apart from Tigers, the region is noted for Elephants, Gaur, and a variety of other creatures.

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