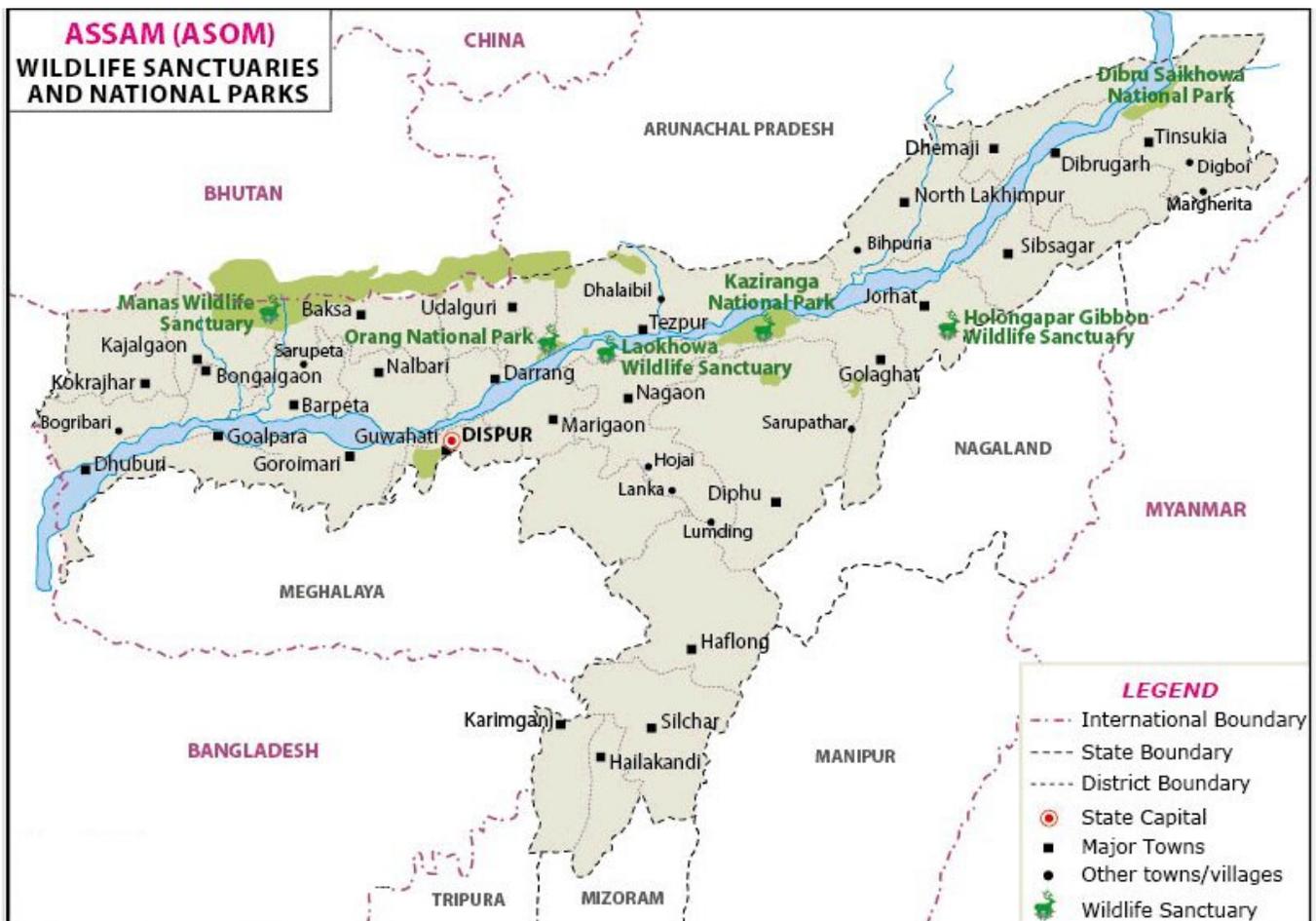


Kaziranga National Park

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According to **Kaziranga National Park** authorities around **80%** of its area has been inundated due to floods.



Key Points

- **Location:** It is located in the **State of Assam** and **covers 42,996 Hectare (ha)**. It is the single largest undisturbed and representative area in the Brahmaputra Valley floodplain.
- **Legal Status:**
 - It was declared as a **National Park in 1974**.
 - It has been declared a **tiger reserve** since 2007. It has a total tiger reserve area of 1,030 sq km with a core area of 430 sq. km.
- **International Status:**
 - It was declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in **1985**.
 - It is recognized as an **Important Bird Area** by **BirdLife International**.
- **Important Species Found:**
 - It is the home of the world's most **one-horned rhinos**. **Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary** has the **highest density of one-horned rhinos in the world** and second highest number of Rhinos in Assam after Kaziranga National Park.
 - Much of the focus of conservation efforts in Kaziranga are focused on the '**big four**' species— **Rhino, Elephant, Royal Bengal tiger and Asiatic water buffalo**.
 - The 2018 census had yielded 2,413 rhinos and approximately 1,100 elephants.
 - As per the figures of **tiger census** conducted in 2014, Kaziranga had an estimated 103 tigers, the third highest population in India after **Jim Corbett National Park (215) in Uttarakhand** and **Bandipur National Park (120) in Karnataka**.
 - Kaziranga is also home to 9 of the 14 species of **primates found** in the Indian subcontinent.
- **Rivers and Highways:**
 - The National Highway 37 passes through the park area.
 - The park also has more than 250 seasonal water bodies, besides the **Diphlu River** running through it.
- Other **national parks in Assam are:**
 - Dibru-Saikhowa National Park,
 - **Manas National Park**,
 - Nameri National Park,
 - Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park.

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