



Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary

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Recently, the National Board for Wild Life (NBWL) has recommended coal mining in a part of an Dehing Patkai elephant reserve in Assam.

Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve includes the Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary.

Key Points

- The Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary is also known as the **Jeypore Rainforest**.
- It is located in the Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts of Assam.
- **Dehing is the name of the river** that flows through this forest and **Patkai is the hill** at the foot of which the sanctuary lies.
- **Fauna:** Rare fauna found in the region include **Chinese pangolin, flying fox, wild pig, sambar, barking deer, gaur, serow and Malayan giant squirrels**.
 - It is the **only sanctuary in India** which is **home to seven different species of wild cats** - tiger, leopard, clouded leopard, leopard cat, golden cat, jungle cat and marbled cat.
 - **Assamese macaque**, a primate found in the forest, is in the red list of Near Threatened species.
- **Flora:** Dehing Patkai is a **deciduous rainforest** interspersed with semi-evergreen and lush green flora.

National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)

- National Board for Wildlife is a **statutory Board** constituted officially in 2003 under the **Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972**.
- The NBWL is under the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)**.
- The NBWL is **chaired by the Prime Minister** and is **responsible for promotion of conservation and development of wildlife and forests**.

- The **board is 'advisory' in nature** and can only advise the Government on policy making for conservation of wildlife.
- The **standing committee** of NBWL is **chaired by the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.**

The standing committee approves all the projects falling within protected wildlife areas or within 10 km of them.

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