

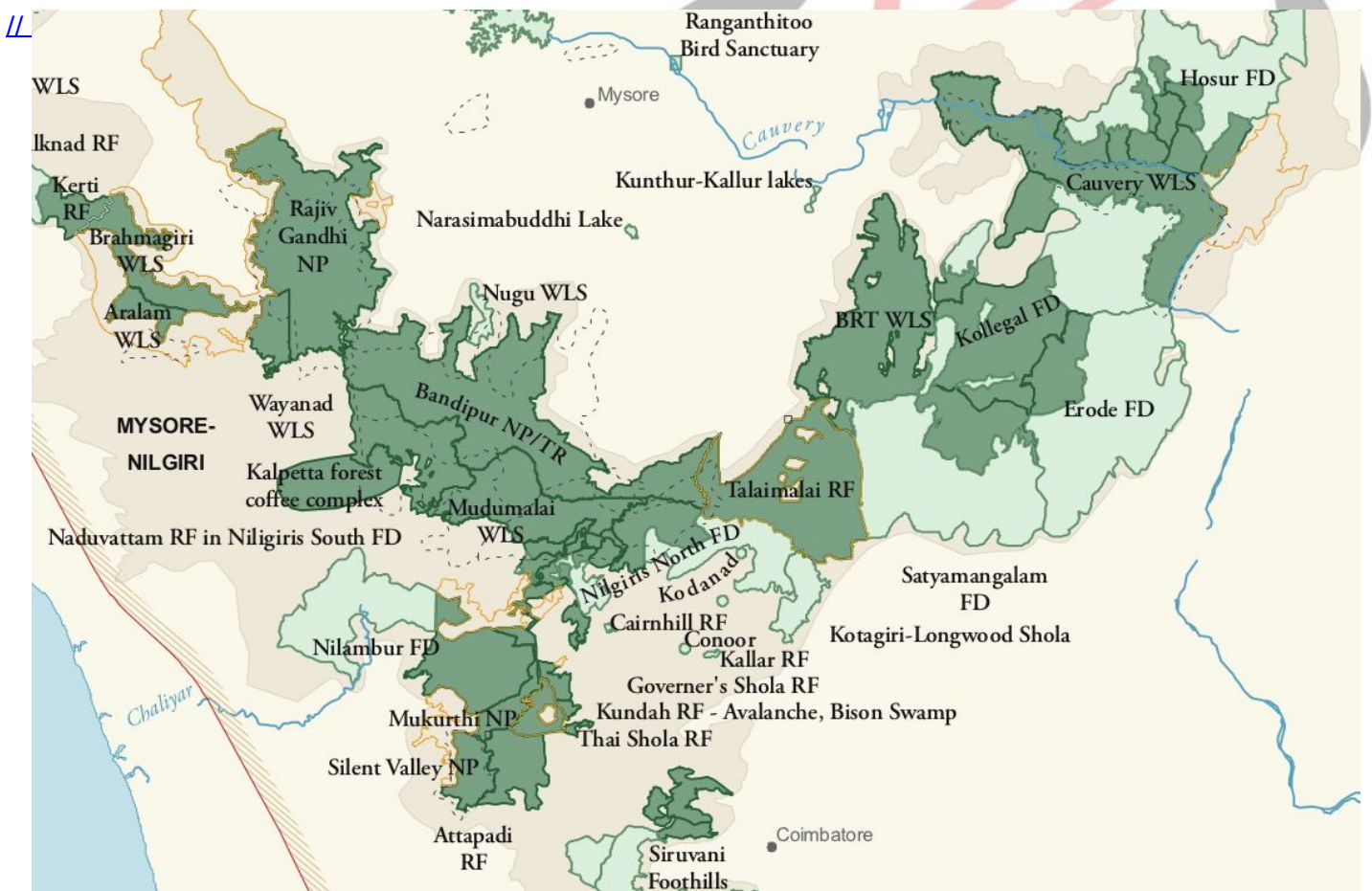


Mudumalai Tiger Reserve

Why in News

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

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



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

Important Flora and Fauna

▪ **Flora:**

- The Reserve has tall grasses, commonly referred to as '**Elephant Grass**'.
- **Bamboo** of the giant variety, valuable timber species like **Teak, Rosewood**, etc.
- There are several species of **endemic flora**.

▪ **Fauna:**

- Flagship Species: **Tiger** and **Asian Elephant**.
- **Other species:** Indian Gaur, Spotted Deer, Common Langur, **Malabar Giant Squirrel, Wild Dog**, Jungle Cat among others.
- **Birds:**
 - Reserve has got a wide variety of **more than 260 species of birds**.
 - **8% of bird species** found in India are recorded in Mudumalai.
 - This includes **rare birds** 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

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

Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve

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

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