



Eastern Swamp Deer

Why in News

Recently, the population of the **vulnerable eastern swamp deer** has dipped in the [Kaziranga National Park](#) and [Tiger Reserve \(Assam\)](#). The eastern swamp deer is **extinct elsewhere in South Asia**.

- This decline can be attributed to **two high floods** in 2019 and 2020.
- However, on the brighter side, the [eastern swamp deer](#) has now been distributed to areas beyond the Kaziranga National Park, such as [Orang National Park](#) and [Laokhowa-Burachapori wildlife sanctuaries](#) (Assam).

Key Points

- **About Swamp Deer:** There are three **subspecies of swamp deer** found in the Indian Subcontinent.
 - The **western swamp deer** (*Rucervus duvaucelii*) found in Nepal.
 - **Southern swamp deer/Hard Ground Barasingha** (*Rucervus duvaucelii branderi*) found in central and north India.
 - **Eastern swamp deer** (*Rucervus duvaucelii ranjitsinhi*) found in the **Kaziranga (Assam)** and **Dudhwa National Parks (Uttar Pradesh)**.



▪ **Protection Status of Swamp Deer:**

- **IUCN Red List:** Vulnerable
- **CITES:** Appendix I
- **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:** Schedule I

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