



Sariska Tiger Roaming in Haryana

Why in News?

A male **tiger** believed to have strayed from [Sariska Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan](#) has been spotted in a village near **Masani barrage in Rewari, Haryana**.

- The tiger is identified as **ST-2302**.

Key Points

- **Forest and wildlife teams** from Haryana and Rajasthan are **collaboratively tracking the three-year-old tiger**.
 - While monitoring the situation, **authorities are taking precautions to prevent any untoward incidents** in case the tiger ventures into human-inhabited areas.

Sariska Tiger Reserve

- It is **located in Aravali hills** and forms a part of the Alwar District of Rajasthan.
- Sariska was **declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1955 and was declared the tiger reserve later in 1978**, making it a part of India's [Project Tiger](#).
- **Kankarwadi fort is located in the centre of the Reserve** and it is said that Mughal emperor Aurangzeb had imprisoned his brother Dara Shikoh at this fort in struggle for succession to the throne.

Note

- **Kalesar National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary:**
 - It is located on the Siwalik foothills. It is contiguous to Rajaji National Park (Uttarakhand) and Simbalbara National Park (Himachal Pradesh).
- **Sultanpur National Park:**
 - It is a [Ramsar Site](#) located 15 km from Gurugram.
 - The park is famous for migratory birds.
- **Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary:**
 - It is a human-made freshwater wetland.
- **Other Wildlife Sanctuaries of Haryana:**
 - Morni Hills (Khol-Hi-Raitan) Wildlife Sanctuary & Bir Shikargarh Wildlife Sanctuary located in the Shivalik hills.
 - Chhilchhila Lake Wildlife Sanctuary (Seonthi Reserve Forest) in Kurukshetra district.
 - Khaparwas Wildlife Sanctuary in Jhajjar district.

TIGER

Royal Bengal Tiger (*Panthera Tigris*) is the National animal of India.

Subspecies of Tiger

- * The continental (*Panthera tigris tigris*)
- * The Sunda (*Panthera tigris sondaica*)

Habitat

Tropical rainforests, evergreen forests, temperate forests, mangrove swamps, grasslands, and savannas



Countries Where Tiger Population Is Found

- Found only in 13 Tiger Range countries- India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Russia, China, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam
- As per the latest report by IUCN, tiger has gone extinct in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam

Protection Status

- IUCN Red List: Endangered
- CITES: Appendix I

Threats

- Habitat loss
- Poaching and illegal trade
- Human-Wildlife conflict

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