



Slender Loris

Why in News

Recently, some environmentalists demanded that Tamil Nadu's Kadavur Reserve Forest be declared as a [Wildlife Sanctuary](#) in order to conserve **Slender Loris** (*Loris tardigradus*).

- The wildlife census conducted during 2016-17 showed an **appreciable population of 3,500 slender loris in the Karur Reserve Forest.**

Key Points

▪ About:



- The slender lorises (*Loris*) are a genus of loris **native to India and Sri Lanka.**
- Slender lorises spend most of **their life in trees, traveling along the tops of branches with slow and precise movements.**
- They generally feed **on insects, reptiles, plant shoots, and fruit.**

▪ Habitat:

- They are found **in tropical rainforests, scrub forests, semi-deciduous forests, and swamps.**

▪ Types:

- There are **two species of Slender Loris**, the only members of the genus 'Loris':

- **Red Slender Loris** (*Loris tardigradus*)
- **Grey Slender Loris** (*Loris lydekkerianus*)

▪ Threat:

- It is believed that they have **medicinal properties** and they are captured and sold. Since there is great demand for keeping these animals as pets, **they are illegally smuggled.**
- Habitat loss, electrocution of live wires and road accidents **are other threats that have caused its populations to dwindle.**

▪ Protection Status:

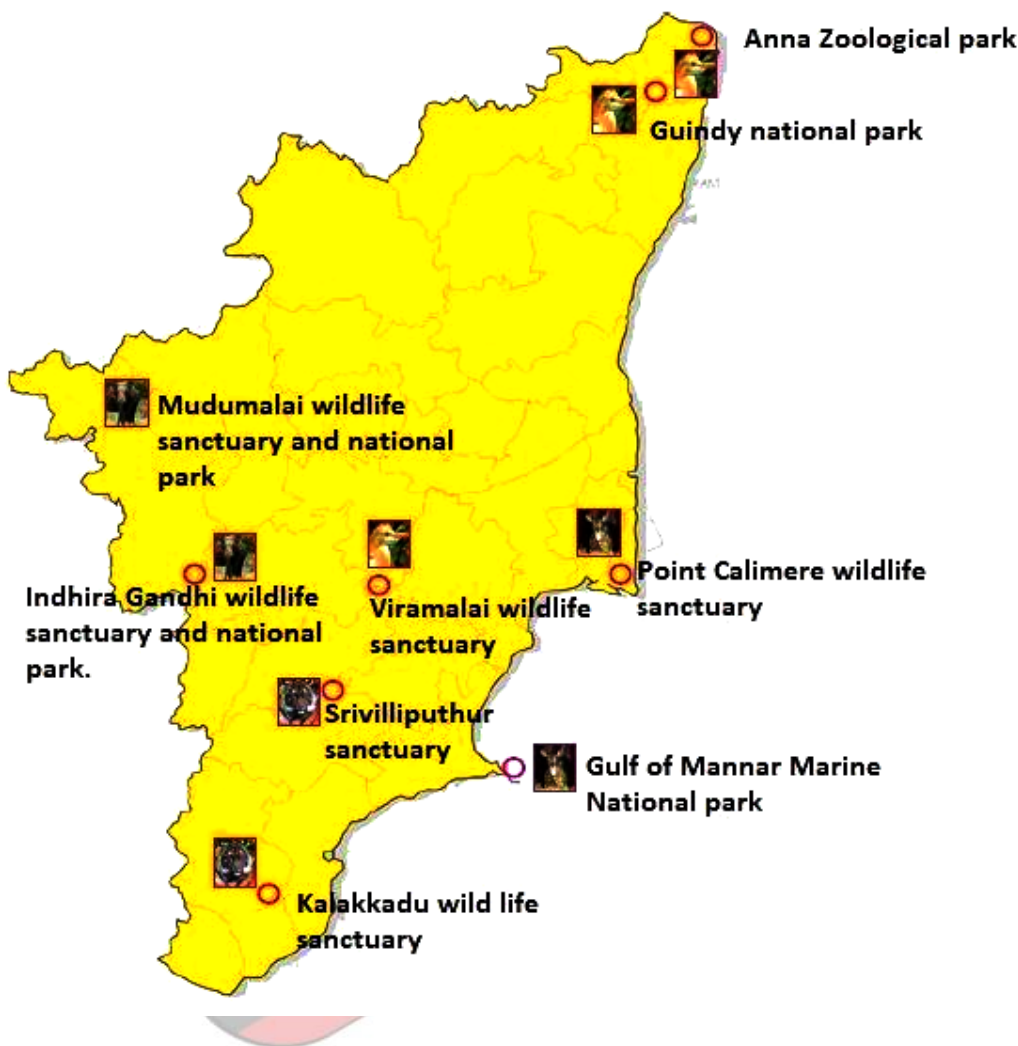
- [IUCN](#): Endangered,
- [Wildlife \(Protection\) Act of India, 1972](#): Schedule I
- [CITES](#): Appendix II

Kadavur Reserve Forest

▪ About:

- The forest is **located in Karur district of Tamil Nadu** with a forest area of around 6000-hectare. The forest consists of **hills and dense dry areas**.
- [Indian Bison](#), [Spotted Deer](#), mouse deer, slender loris, [Jackal](#), [Mongoose](#), black naped hare, wild boar, porcupine, monitor lizard, [Pangolin](#), [Monkeys](#), pythons, etc are found in the forests.

▪ Major Protected Areas in Tamil Nadu:



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