



Wild Buffalo

Recently, the government has decided to translocate five female wild buffaloes from [Manas National Park](#) in Assam to **Udanti Wildlife Sanctuary in Raipur district, Chhattisgarh**.

- This will be the **longest such translocation** in the country ever, that seeks to **revive** the waning population of **Chhattisgarh's State animal**.
- **The survival hazard of inbreeding, poaching for horns and increasing male population** have necessitated the translocation.
- The Central India Wild Buffalo Recovery Project aims to stabilise the wild buffalo population in Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve.

Wild Buffalo (*Bubalus arnee*)

- The wild buffalo is mainly found in the alluvial grasslands, marshes, swamps and river valleys. They are generally found in areas that have plenty of water holes and resources
- The estimated population of the wild buffaloes in the Northeast is around 3,000-4,000, the largest in the country and accounting for **92% of the world population**.
- It is listed under **Schedule 1** of the [Wild Life \(Protection\) Act, 1972](#).
- It is classified as **endangered** in the [IUCN Red List](#) of Threatened Species.

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