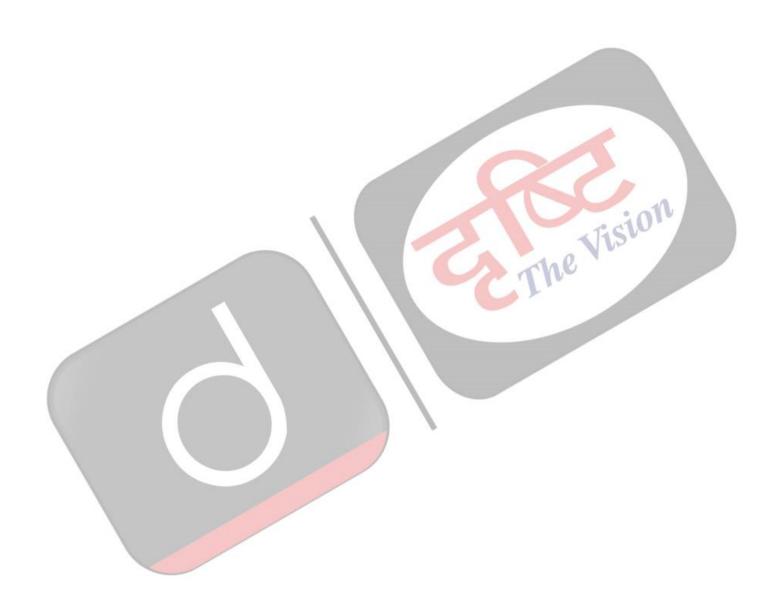


Mangroves in India



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- * UNESCO observes July 26 as the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem.
- * As per ISFR 2021, the mangrove cover in India is 4,992 sq km, which is 0.15% of the country's total geographical area.
- * West Bengal>Gujarat>A&N Islands>Andhra Pradesh>Maharashtra, have the largest Mangrove cover in India (ISFR 2021).
- * In India, mangroves are protected by the Environmental (Protection) Act 1986 and Coastal Zone Regulations.
- * Sunderbans, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the world's largest single patch of Mangrove Forests.
- * Sundarbans is the first Mangrove forest in the world, which was brought under scientific management, as early as in 1892.
- * The emergence of shrimp farms is responsible for at least 35% of the overall loss of mangrove forests.



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