



## Mangroves in India



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## FACTS

- \* 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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