



# 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:**

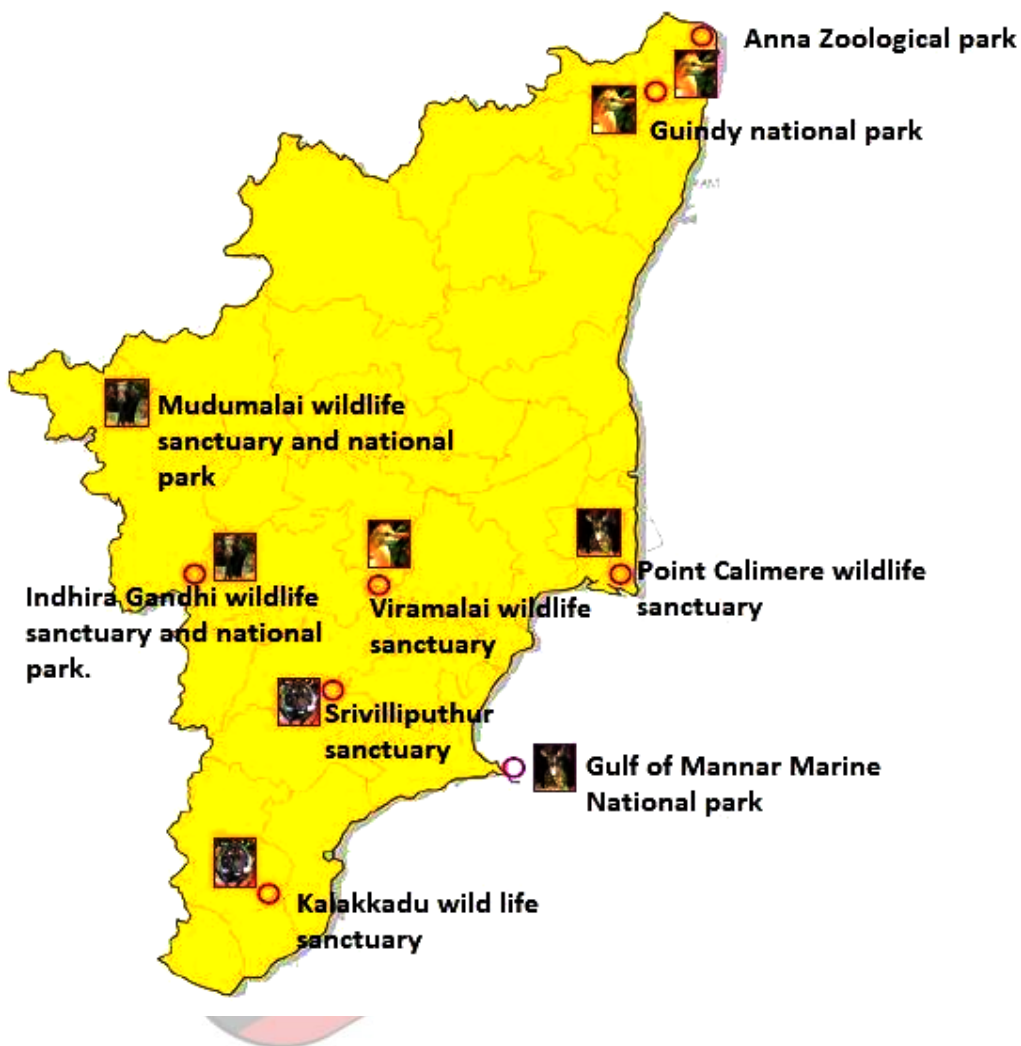
- [IUCN](#): Endangered,
- [Wildlife \(Protection\) Act of India, 1972](#): Schedule I
- [CITES](#): Appendix II

## 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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