



## Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary and Tiger Reserve

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**Karnataka** has proposed a “**soft-release**” strategy to manage the escalating **human-elephant conflict** in **Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, and Kodagu** districts by gradually rehabilitating captured elephants into the **Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary (BWS)**.

- **Soft-Release Strategy:** Elephants will stay in a 20 sq. km enclosure for **acclimatization and health checks** before their phased release at four designated sites in BWS.
- **Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary:** Named after the Bhadra River, it is also known as **Muthodi Wildlife Sanctuary**.
  - It is a [Project Tiger](#) reserve, and hosts diverse forests, including Southern Moist Mixed Deciduous Forests, Dry Deciduous Forests, and [Shola Forests](#).
    - It also houses the **Jagara Giant**, Karnataka’s largest **400-year-old teak tree**.
  - BWS hosts diverse fauna, including tigers, leopards, dholes, gaurs, deer, and elephants. It shelters 250+ bird species like Hornbills, Malabar Trogon, and Hill Myna, many endemic to the [Western Ghats](#).
  - The sanctuary currently hosts around 450 elephants, forest officials estimate it can accommodate 200 more elephants.

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