



# Dibru-Saikhowa National Park

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**Dibru-Saikhowa National Park (DSNP)** in Assam is witnessing **significant ecological changes** due to **native and invasive plant species**.

## Major Threats:

- **Invasive Plants:** Species like *Chromolaena odorata*, *Ageratum conyzoides*, *Parthenium hysterophorus*, and *Mikania micrantha* **outcompete native flora, degrade grasslands, and threaten grassland-dependent fauna.**
- **Native Grassland Invaders:** *Bombax ceiba* (Simalu) and *Lagerstroemia speciosa* (Ajar) alter natural vegetation, increasing shrubland and degraded forest cover.
- **Flooding and Anthropogenic Pressures:** Recurring **Brahmaputra floods, forest villages, grazing, and resource extraction** causing **soil erosion, fragment habitats, and accelerating biodiversity loss.**
- **Land Use & Land Cover Changes (2000-2024):** Conversion of **Grasslands and semi-evergreen forests to shrubland and degraded forests reducing habitat for endemic and grassland-dependent species** like **Bengal florican, Hog deer, and Swamp grass babbler, and threatening endemic feral horses (around 200 individuals left).**

## Dibru-Saikhowa National Park (DSNP)

- **Location:** Located in Assam, is bounded by the **Brahmaputra and Lohit Rivers(north) and Dibru River (south).**
- **Biosphere Reserve:** In 1997, [UNESCO](#) designated the area as a Biosphere Reserve.
- **Vegetation & Climate:** **Semi-evergreen, deciduous, littoral, swamp, and wet evergreen forests**, including the **largest Salix swamp forest** in northeast India.
  - It has a **tropical monsoon climate** with **hot, wet summers** and **cool, dry winters.**
- **Flora & Fauna:** **Flora:** *Dillenia indica*, *Bischofia javanica*, *Bombax ceiba*, *Lagerstroemia parviflora*.
  - **Fauna:** **tiger, elephant, leopard, jungle cat, bears, small Indian civet, squirrels, Gangetic dolphin, slow loris, Assamese macaque.**
  - It is an **important Bird Area (IBA)** with **382+ bird species**, including **greater and lesser adjutant storks, greater crested grebe.**

## Note:

- **Assam has 7 national parks:**
  - [Kaziranga NP](#)
  - [Manas](#)
  - [Dibru-Saikhowa NP](#)
  - [Nameri](#)
  - [Orang](#)
  - [Dehing Patkai](#)
  - [Raimona](#)



## 7 NATIONAL PARKS IN ASSAM

- 6th : Raimona National Park (Notified in 2021)
- 7th : Dihing Patkai National Park (Notified in June 2021)

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