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National Parks & Wildlife Sanctuaries

Wildlife Heritage of Odisha

2 National Parks 19 Wildlife Sanctuaries 4.5% Forest Cover

National Parks



Simlipal National Park

📍 Mayurbhanj District | 📅 Established: 1980
📏 Area: 845.70 sq km | UNESCO Biosphere Reserve

Wildlife: Royal Bengal Tigers, Elephants, Leopards, Gaur, Sambar, Barking Deer

Features: Famous for melanistic (black) tigers, Barehipani & Joranda waterfalls, scenic beauty

Flora: Sal forests dominate, 1,078 plant species including rare orchids and medicinal plants

★ Tiger Reserve ★ Biosphere Reserve



Bhitarkanika National Park

📍 Kendrapara District | 📅 Established: 1998
📏 Area: 145 sq km | Mangrove Ecosystem

Wildlife: Saltwater Crocodiles (largest in India), King Cobras, White Crocodiles, Water Monitor Lizards

Features: Second largest mangrove ecosystem in India, intricate network of creeks and mudflats

Birds: Over 215 bird species including migratory birds, Olive Ridley sea turtle nesting nearby

★ Ramsar Site ★ Mangrove Haven

Notable Wildlife Sanctuaries

Chilika Lake Wildlife Sanctuary

📍 Puri, Khordha, Ganjam Districts

- Asia's largest brackish water lagoon
- Famous for Irrawaddy dolphins
- Over 1 million migratory birds annually
- Ramsar Wetland Site of International Importance
- Important stopover for birds on Central Asian Flyway

Satkosia Gorge Wildlife Sanctuary

📍 Angul, Cuttack, Nayagarh, Boudh

- Tiger Reserve along Mahanadi River
- 22 km long scenic gorge formation
- Gharials, mugger crocodiles present
- Elephants, leopards, sambar deer
- Rich in avifauna and reptile diversity

Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary

📍 Bargh District

- Located near Hirakud Reservoir
- Leopards, elephants, sambar deer
- Four-horned antelope, sloth bears
- Rich birdlife including migratory species
- Dense deciduous forests

Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary

📍 Kendrapara District

- World's largest Olive Ridley rookery
- Mass nesting phenomenon (arribada)
- Protected marine sanctuary zone
- Lakhs of turtles nest here annually
- Critical for turtle conservation

Conservation Highlights

Bengal Tigers



Home to rare melanistic (black) tigers found in Simlipal

Sea Turtles



World's largest mass nesting ground for Olive Ridleys

Asian Elephants



Major elephant population with vital migration corridors

Rich Biodiversity of Odisha

3000+

Plant Species

500+

Bird Species

150+

Mammal Species

200+

Reptile Species