



Madhav National Park

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- **Location:** Madhav National Park is situated in Shivpuri District, Madhya Pradesh.
- It is a part of the upper **Vindhyan hills**.
- **History:** The Park was the hunting ground of Mughal emperors and Maharaja of Gwalior. It got the status of a National Park in 1959.
- **Ecosystem:** It has a **diverse ecosystem** consisting of lakes, dry deciduous & dry thorn forests.
 - The forest is home to tigers, leopards, Nilgai, and **Chinkara** (*Gazella bennettii*) and **Chousingha** (*Tetracerus quadricornis*) and Deers (**Chital**, Sambar and Barking Deer) among others.
- **Tiger Corridor:** The Park falls within one of the **32 major Tiger Corridors** of the country, which are operationalised through the **Tiger Conservation Plan**. Tiger Conservation Plan is implemented under the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**.
 - **Madhav National Park** is a part of the Ranthambhore-Kuno-Madhav (Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan) Tiger Corridor of **Central India & Eastern Ghats landscape**.
 - **India's tiger landscapes are:** Shivalik Hills and Gangetic Plains, Central Indian Landscape and Eastern Ghats, Western Ghats, and North-East.
- **Conservation Issues:** The Park is currently facing **displacement and rehabilitation** issues as it is home to **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG)s** like **Saharia**.
 - PVTGs have some basic characteristics - they are mostly **homogenous**, with a **small population, relatively physically isolated, absence of written language, relatively simple technology** and a **slower rate of change** etc.
- **Other National Parks in Madhya Pradesh:** Bandhavgarh, Kanha NP, Pench (Priyadarshini) NP, Panna NP, Mandla Plant Fossils NP, Sanjay NP, Satpura NP, Van Vihar NP

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