



Indian Skimmer

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Why in News



The **annual bird census** has been commenced in the **Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary** and surrounding wetlands in the **Godavari mangroves** on the east coast in **Andhra Pradesh**.

- The census **aims at the documentation of migratory and resident birds** so that a better management plan of the complex ecosystem supporting the waterbird species can be prepared.
- The Godavari mangroves is one among the few places where the Indian Skimmer can be spotted.

Key Points

- **Indian Skimmer** (*Rynchops albicollis*) is a waterbird species.
- In India, the species can be sighted near the **Chambal river** in Central India, in few parts of **Odisha** and in **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **IUCN Red List** Status- **Vulnerable**.
- **CITES** Status: Not listed.