



Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary

- Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary lies in the **Western Ghats** of Karnataka (Udupi & Shimoga districts).
 - The Western Ghats are on India's [World Heritage sites list](#).
- It is named after the Someshwara temple located within the sanctuary.
- The sanctuary is mostly made up of **evergreen forests, semi-evergreen** and **moist deciduous** forests.
- It is situated very close to the **Kudremukh National Park**.
- **Sitanadi river** flows through the sanctuary.
- Some **Endangered** species are found viz; **Lion Tailed Macaque, Tiger, Dhole (wild dog)**.

Lion-tailed Macaque

- It is **endemic** to the **Western Ghats** in the states of **Karnataka, Kerala** and **Tamil Nadu**.
 - Although the species has a relatively wide range, its area of occupancy is small and severely fragmented.
 - Primarily **diurnal arboreal**, it prefers the upper canopy of primary **tropical evergreen** rainforest.
 - It **can** also be found in **monsoon forests** in hilly country and in disturbed forest.



- **Protected areas:** //
 - **Kudremukh** National Park (Karnataka)
 - **Periyar** National Park (Kerala)
 - **Silent Valley** National Park (Kerala)
- **Threats:**
 - **Habitat loss and degradation** - deforestation, agriculture, logging leads to a **scarcity of the fruit** on which the **Macaque** feed, which is particularly devastating.
 - Creation of exotic plantations such as tea, eucalyptus and coffee.
 - Hunting
 - Pet trade

▪ **Conservation and Protection:**

- IUCN Red list: **Endangered.**
- It is listed in **Appendix I** of **CITES.**
- It is protected under **Schedule I**, Part I, of the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**

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