

## **Eastern Swamp Deer**

## Why in News

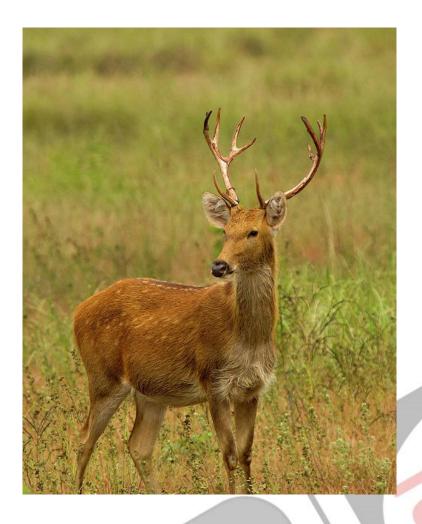
Recently, the population of the **vulnerable eastern swamp deer** has dipped in the **Kaziranga National Park** and **Tiger Reserve** (**Assam**). The eastern swamp deer is **extinct elsewhere in South Asia.** 

- This decline can be attributed to two high floods in 2019 and 2020.
- However, on the brighter side, the <u>eastern swamp deer</u> has now been distributed to areas beyond the Kaziranga National Park, such as <u>Orang National Park</u> and <u>Laokhowa-Burachapori</u> <u>wildlife sanctuaries</u> (Assam).

## **Key Points**

- About Swamp Deer: There are three subspecies of swamp deer found in the Indian Subcontinent.
  - The western swamp deer (Rucervus duvaucelii) found in Nepal.
  - Southern swamp deer/Hard Ground Barasingha (Rucervus duvaucelii branderi) found in central and north India.
  - Eastern swamp deer (*Rucervus duvaucelii ranjitsinhi*) found in the Kaziranga (Assam) and Dudhwa National Parks (Uttar Pradesh).

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- Protection Status of Swamp Deer:
  - IUCN Red List: Vulnerable CITES: Appendix I

  - Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Schedule I

The Vision

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