



## Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary

The Madhya Pradesh government has **decided to declare** the Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary a **tiger reserve**. The state received an approval for the same from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) 11 years ago.

- The sanctuary is spread over 890 sqkm in Bhopal-Raisen forest division of Madhya Pradesh.
- The sanctuary has a population of about 40 tigers and the movement of 12 tigers has been reported in the forest area of Bhopal. The whole area will be combined as one to declare it as a tiger reserve.
- The area of about 3,500 sq km of Raisen, Sehore and Bhopal districts has been reserved for the same. The 1,500 sq km will be designated as a core area while 2,000 sq km as a buffer zone.
- The declaration of the sanctuary as a tiger reserve will help in better conservation of tigers in the area which is facing the problem of illegal mining and poaching.

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