



Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary

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Recently, an **adult tigress** and **three cubs** were spotted in the [Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary \(WLS\)](#), **Goa** for the first time since 2020.

- **Location and Geography:**
 - WLS is located near the **Chorla Ghat**, situated between North Goa and Belgavi. It borders both Maharashtra and Karnataka.
 - The **Mhadei River flows through this sanctuary**.
- **Ecological Significance:**
 - Mhadei WLS, along with other protected areas in Goa like Mollem National Park, forms part of the [Western Ghats](#). This region is globally renowned for hosting the **world's largest tiger population**.
 - The sanctuary plays a vital role in a network of wildlife corridors that connect tiger populations across the **Sahyadri Tiger Reserve** (Maharashtra) and the [Kali Tiger Reserve](#) (Karnataka).
- **Unique Flora and Fauna:**
 - Notably, Vazra Falls in Mhadei WLS serves as a nesting ground for **critically endangered Long-billed vultures**, underscoring the sanctuary's importance for avian conservation.
- **Conservation Status and Recommendations:**
 - Goa stands as the **only state in India to have its entire portion of the Western Ghats** under state protection, with Mhadei WLS being a critical part of this area.
 - Previously, the [National Tiger Conservation Authority \(NTCA\)](#) recommended the designation of Mhadei WLS as a tiger reserve under the [Wildlife Protection Act, 1972](#), **to enhance conservation efforts** for the tiger population in this unique region.

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