



New Ramsar Site in Madhya Pradesh

Why in News?

Recently, the centre declared the [Tawa Reservoir](#) in **Madhya Pradesh** as a new [Ramsar Site](#).

Key Points

- **The Tawa Reservoir:**
 - It is situated at the confluence of the **Tawa and Denwa rivers** near **Itarsi town**, was originally built for irrigation and now also supports power generation and aquaculture.
 - The reservoir lies within **the [Satpura Tiger Reserve](#)**, bordering the **[Satpura National Park](#) and [Bori Wildlife Sanctuary](#)**.
 - **River Malani, Sonbhadra, and Nagdwari** are the major tributaries of the Tawa reservoir.
 - The **Tawa River**, a left-bank tributary of Narmada river, originates in **the [Mahadeo Hills of Chhindwara district](#)**, flows through **Betul district**, and meets the **[Narmada River](#)** in Narmadapuram district.
 - **It is the longest tributary of the Narmada river.**
 - The reservoir hosts **[Spotted deer](#)** and **[Painted Stork](#)**.

The Ramsar Convention

- The **[Ramsar Convention](#)** is an international treaty signed in 1971 in Ramsar, Iran, under the auspices of **UNESCO**, aimed at conserving wetlands of international importance.
 - In India, **it came into force on 1st February 1982**, under which wetlands of international importance are declared as Ramsar sites.
- **[Montreux Record](#)** is a register of **wetland sites** of International Importance where **changes in ecological character have occurred, are occurring, or are likely to occur** as a result of technological developments, pollution or other human interference.
 - It is maintained as part of the **Ramsar List**.

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