



Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary: Odisha

Why in News

Recently, the Odisha Government has decided to relocate around 420 families from four zero-connectivity villages in **Debrigarh wildlife sanctuary**.

- The relocation is aimed at reducing [man-animal conflict](#) and providing better living conditions to the displaced families.

Key Points

▪ Location:

- It is situated in the **Bargarh district of Odisha** near [Hirakud dam \(Mahanadi River\)](#) and covers an area of 346.91 square kilometers.
- It is bounded on the east and north by the huge [Hirakud reservoir](#).
- It was declared as a wildlife sanctuary on **8th February 1985**.
- It is an **important site for in situ conservation of wildlife** and its habitat in the state of Odisha

▪ Biodiversity:

◦ Flora:

- Dry deciduous [forests](#)

◦ Fauna:

- Four-horned antelope, [Indian leopard](#), [Indian elephant](#), sambar, chital, [gaur](#), etc.

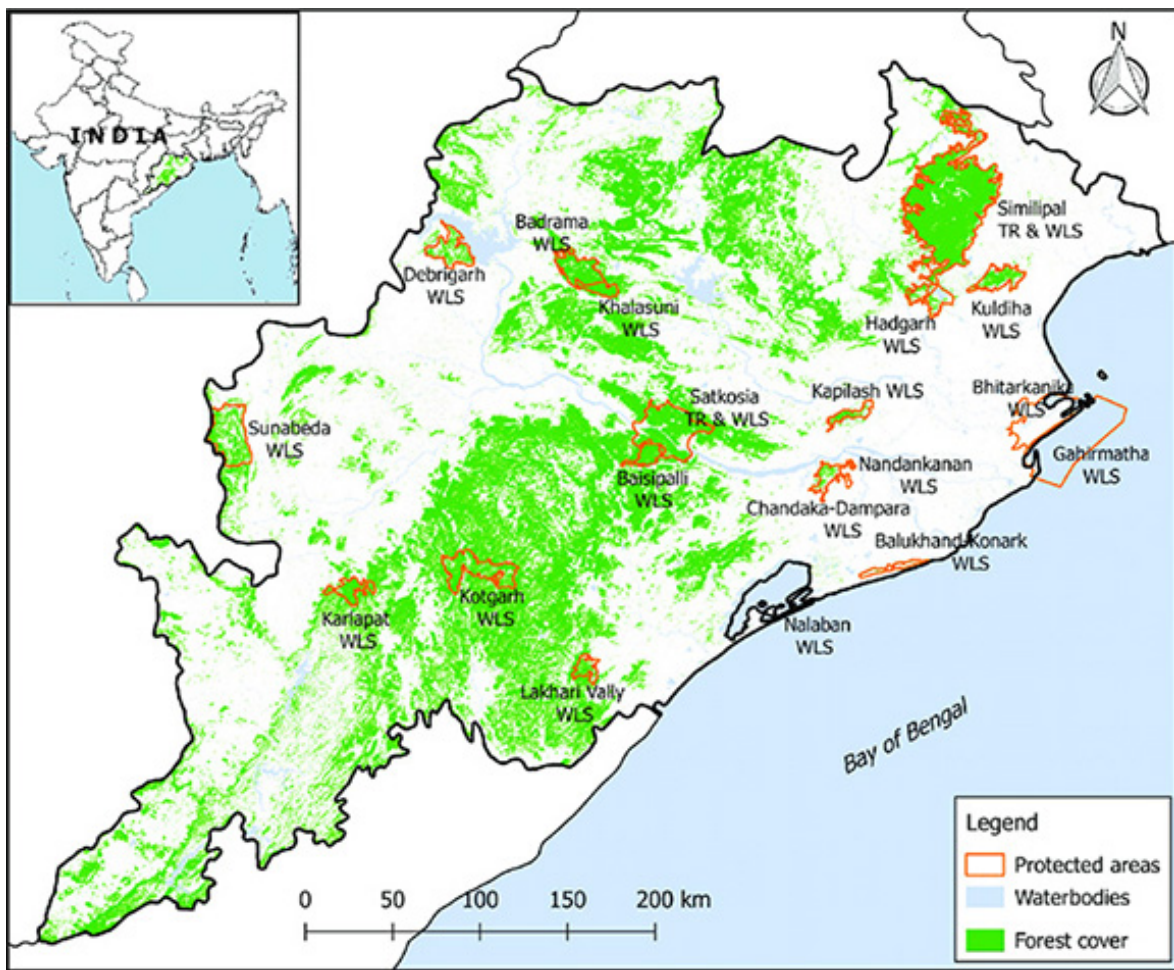
▪ Major Protected Areas in Odisha:

◦ National Parks:

- [Bhitarkanika National Park](#)
- [Simlipal National Park](#)

◦ Wildlife Sanctuaries:

- Badrama WLS
- [Chilika \(Nalaban island\) WLS](#)
- Hadgarh WLS
- [Baisipalli WLS](#)
- Kotagarh WLS
- [Nandankanan WLS](#)
- Lakhari Valley WLS
- [Gahirmatha](#) (Marine) WLS



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