



## Excluding Settlements From Periyar Tiger Reserve

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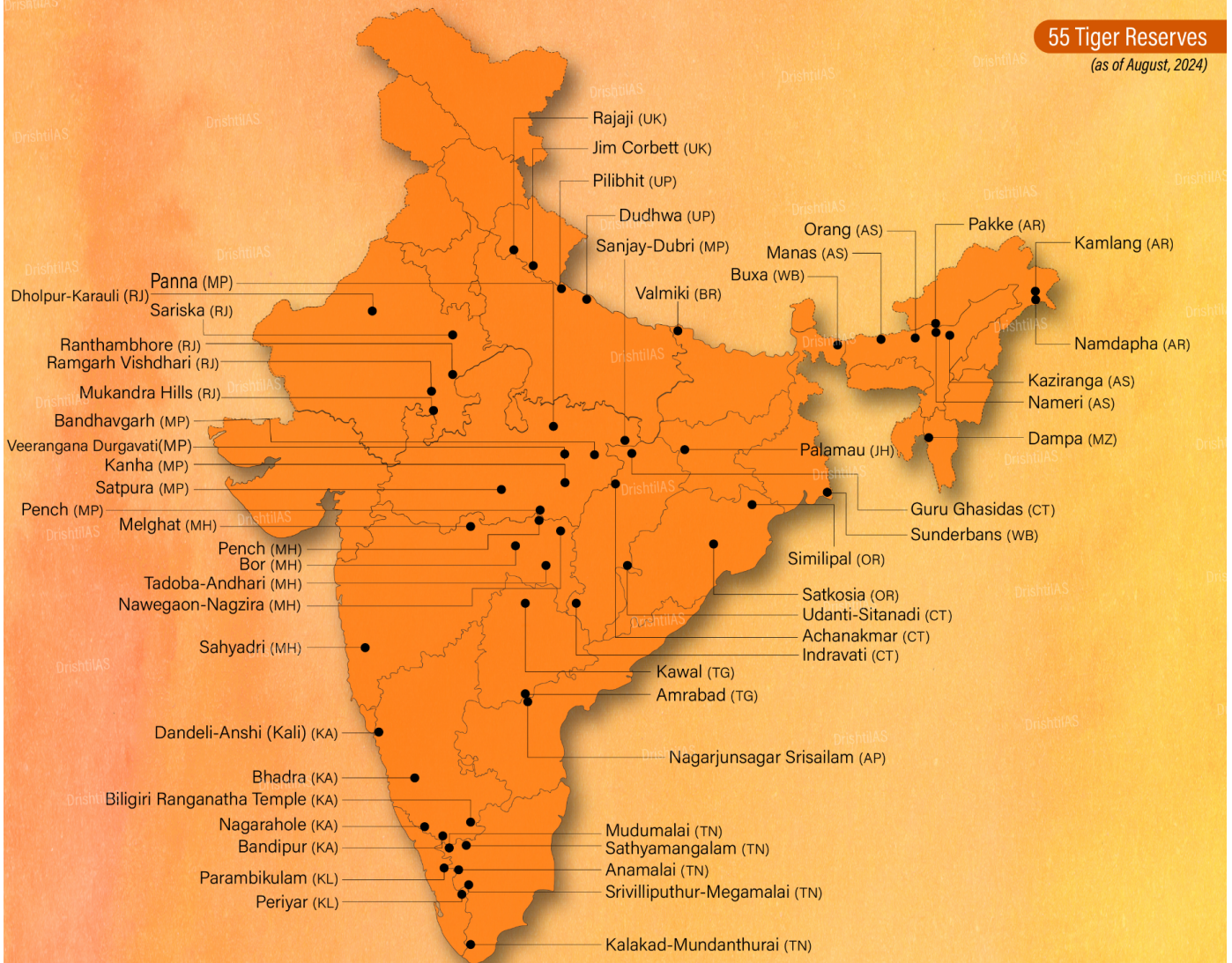
Recently, a team has been constituted by the [National Board for Wildlife \(NBWL\)](#) to inspect [Thattekad Bird Sanctuary](#) and the [Angel Valley and Pamba Valley settlements of Periyar Tiger Reserve](#).

- **Angel Valley and Pamba Valley Settlements (Periyar Tiger Reserve):**
  - Located in Kerala, near the **Mookkenpetty** causeway and **Kanamala bridge**, these settlements arose under the '**Grow More Food**' initiative of 1947-48 (after [World War II](#)) for ex-servicemen and their descendants.
  - The **Periyar Tiger Reserve** is renowned for its **biodiversity**, including [Bengal Tigers](#), [Indian Elephants](#), and diverse flora and was recognized in **2022** as **India's best-managed tiger reserve**.
  - Residents face hardships due to **wildlife incursions** and forest regulations, prompting protests and demands for de-notification of **5.02 sq km** of inhabited areas.
- **Thattekad Bird Sanctuary:**
  - Situated near **Kothamangalam** on the [Periyar River](#) and is home to **280+ bird species**.
  - Established in 1983, it is named after **Dr. Salim Ali** (India's renowned ornithologist and bird conservationist), who deemed it the **richest bird habitat in peninsular India**.
  - Proposed changes include **excluding 897.25 ha** of inhabited land and **adding 1,016.94 ha** of forest from the [Munnar Division](#).

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# Tiger Reserves

55 Tiger Reserves  
(as of August, 2024)



## FACTS

- A State Government, on the recommendation of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, notify an area as a tiger reserve.
- Largest Tiger Reserve (Core Area): **Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem** (Andhra Pradesh).
- **Bor Tiger Reserve (Maharashtra)** is the smallest tiger reserve in India by area.
- Reserve with Highest Tiger Density: **Jim Corbett** (Uttarakhand) (India Tiger Estimation - 2022 Report).
- State with Maximum Tigers: **Madhya Pradesh** (India Tiger Estimation - 2022 Report).



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