

# Conservation Breeding in Indira Gandhi Zoological Park (IGZP)

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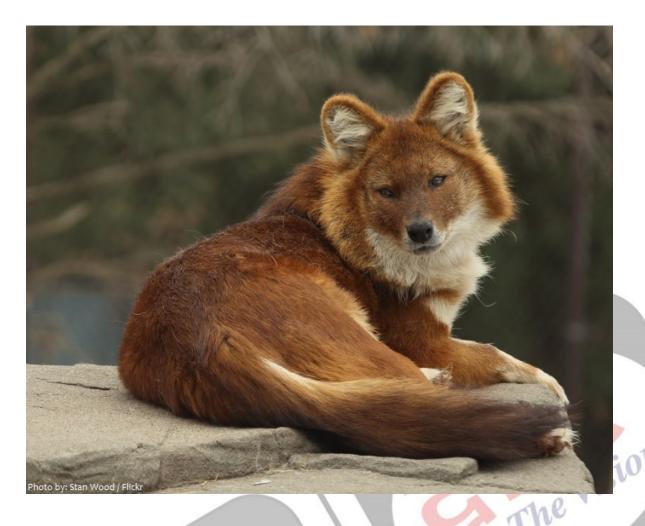
Recently, the <u>Indira Gandhi Zoological Park (IGZP)</u> in Visakhapatnam has been at the forefront of <u>wildlife</u> <u>conservation</u> in India, particularly in the successful breeding and nurturing of <u>Striped hyenas</u> and <u>Asiatic wild dogs</u> **(Dhole).** 

# What are the Key Points About Indira Gandhi Zoological Park (IGZP)?

- It is an ex-situ facility established in 1977, located amidst Seethakonda Reserve Forest in the Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh.
  - It is surrounded by Eastern Ghats on three sides and the Bay of Bengal on the fourth side.
- It is a large category zoo recognised by the <u>Central Zoo Authority</u>.
  - Due to its close proximity to **Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary** it is also home to many free-ranging animals and birds.
- **IGZP has successfully bred** striped hyenas, <u>wild dogs</u>, <u>Indian grey wolves</u>, <u>ring-tailed lemurs</u>, <u>Indian bison</u>, <u>blue</u> and <u>gold macaws</u>, jungle cats, and <u>eclectus parrots</u>.

# Asiatic Wild Dogs (Dhole)

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#### About:

Dhole (Cuon alpinus) is a wild carnivorous animal and is a member of the family
Canidae and the class Mammalia.

#### Habitat:,

- Historically widespread across southern Russia to southeast Asia, they are now mainly found in south and southeast Asia, with northern populations in China.
- In India, they are clustered in the Western and Eastern Ghats, central India, and northeast India.

## Conservation:

- Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Schedule II
- International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List: Endangered
- The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES): Appendix II
- The creation of reserves under <u>Project Tiger</u> provided some protection for dhole populations sympatric with tigers.

# **Striped Hyenas**

## About:

- The Striped hyenas (*Hyaena hyaena*) are one of the three hyena species.
  - Other **hyena species include** Brown hyenas, and Spotted hyenas (the largest).
- They are smaller and less social than the more well-known Spotted hyena.
- Challenges to Conservation: Habitat loss, human-wildlife conflict, poaching, and illegal wildlife trade.

## Protection Status:

- IUCN Status: Near Threatened
- Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Schedule I



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