



Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve: Maharashtra

Why in News

Three labourers were killed and two others injured during an operation to douse a [forest fire](#) at **Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve (NNTR)** in Maharashtra.

Key Points

▪ Location:

- It is situated in **Gondia and Bhandara districts** of Maharashtra.
 - Gondia District shares common boundaries with the **state of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh** in the **north and eastern** side respectively.
- Strategically, the Tiger Reserve is **located in the heart of central Indian Tiger landscape** which contributes almost one sixth of the total tiger population of the country.

▪ Formation:

- It was notified as the **46th Tiger Reserve of India** in **December 2013**.
- NNTR comprised of the notified area of **Nawegaon National Park, Nawegaon Wildlife Sanctuary, Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary, New Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary and Koka Wildlife Sanctuary**.

▪ Connectivity:

- NNTR has connectivity with the major tiger reserves in Central India like,
 - [Kanha](#) and [Pench tiger reserve](#) in Madhya Pradesh,
 - [Tadoba-Andhari Tiger reserve](#) in Maharashtra,
 - **Indravati Tiger Reserve** in Chhattisgarh,
 - Indirectly with the [Kawal](#) and [Nagarjuna Sagar](#) in **Telangana** and **Andhra Pradesh** and, **Achanakmar Tiger reserve** in **Chhattisgarh**.
- It is also connected to important tiger bearing areas like [Umred-Karhandla sanctuary](#) and Brahampuri Division (Maharashtra).

▪ Flora:

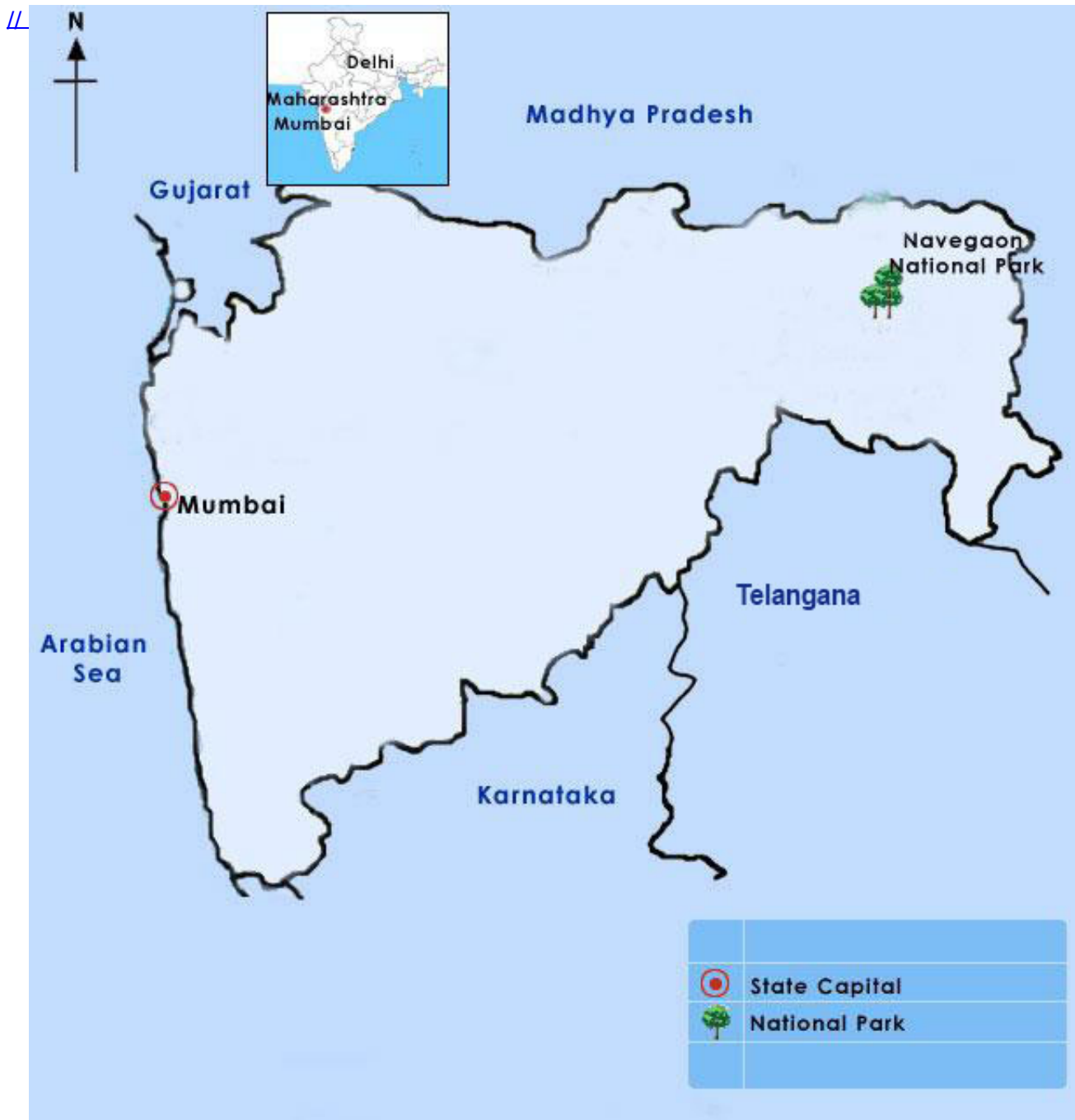
- The major forest type is "Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest".
 - Few thorny plants are also found.
 - **Bamboo** occurs in abundance.

▪ Fauna:

- Large Carnivores such as [leopards](#) and smaller carnivores like wild dogs, wolf jackals, jungle cats and also the good population of [sloth bears](#) are seen.
- The important herbivore includes **Cheetal, Sambar, Nilgai, Chousingha, Barking deer, Wild pig and Indian gaur**. Mouse deer has also been recorded from the area.
- More than 300 species of birds have been reported from the area.

▪ **Other Protected Areas in Maharashtra:**

- Sahyadri Tiger Reserve.
- **Melghat Tiger reserve.**
- Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary.
- Karnala Bird Sanctuary.
- Sanjay Gandhi National Park.
- **Pench National Park.**



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