



Ranthambore Tiger Sanctuary: Rajasthan

Why in News

Six tigers are missing in Ranthambore Tiger Sanctuary (Rajasthan).

Key Points

▪ About:

- **Ranthambore Tiger Reserve** lies in the **eastern part of Rajasthan state in Karauli and Sawai Madhopur districts**, at the **junction of the Aravali and Vindhya hill ranges**.
- It **comprises the Ranthambore National Park** as well as **Sawai Mansingh and Kailadevi Sanctuaries**.
- The **Ranthambore fort**, from which the forests derive their name, is said to have a rich history of over 1000 years. It is strategically located atop a 700 feet tall hill within the park and is believed to have been **built in 944 AD by a Chauhan ruler**.
- This isolated area with tigers in it **represents the north-western limit of the Bengal tiger's distribution range** and is **an outstanding example of [Project Tiger](#)'s efforts** for conservation in the country.
- **[India has 2,967 tigers](#)**, a third more than in 2014, according to results of a census made public in July 2020. **Ranthambore**, according to this exercise, had **55 tigers**.

▪ Features:

- The reserve consists of highly fragmented forest patches, ravines, river streams and agricultural land.
- It is **connected to [Kuno-Palpur Landscape in Madhya Pradesh](#)**, through parts of Kailadevi Wildlife Sanctuary, the ravine habitats of Chambal and the forest patches of Sheopur.
- **Tributaries of [River Chambal](#)** provide easy passage for tigers to move towards the Kuno National Park.

▪ Vegetation and Wildlife:

- The **vegetation** includes grasslands on plateaus and dense forests along the seasonal streams.
 - The forest type is mainly **tropical dry deciduous with 'dhak' (Butea monosperma)**, a species of tree capable of withstanding long periods of drought, being the commonest.
 - **This tree is also called as 'Flame of forest'** and is one of the many flowering plants that add colour to the dry summers here.
- The park is rich in **wildlife** with tigers at the apex of the food chain in mammals.
- Other animals found here are **[leopards](#)**, striped hyenas, common or hanuman langurs, **[rhesus macaques](#)**, jackals, jungle cats, **[caracals](#)**, **[blackbuck](#)**, Blacknaped hare and chinkara, etc.

◦ The park is rich in birds with about 272 species recorded so far.

▪ **Other Protected Areas in Rajasthan:**

- [Sariska National Park](#), Alwar
- [Desert National Park](#), Jaisalmer
- Keoladeo National Park, Bharatpur
- [Sajjargarh wildlife sanctuary](#), Udaipur
- **National Chambal Sanctuary** (on tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh)

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