



## Wildlife Conservation Initiatives

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## Constitutional Provisions for Wildlife

- **42nd Amendment Act, 1976:** Forests & Protection of Wild Animals and Birds (moved from State to Concurrent List)
- **Article 48 A:** State shall endeavor to protect & improve environment and safeguard forests and wildlife of country
- **Article 51 A (g):** Fundamental duty to protect & improve natural environment including forests and Wildlife

## Legal Frameworks

- Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
- Biological Diversity Act, 2002

## Major Conservation Initiatives

- **Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (IDWH):**
  - ↳ Financial assistance provided to State/UT Governments for protection and conservation of wildlife
  - ↳ A Centrally Sponsored Scheme
- **National Wildlife Action Plan (2017-2031)**
- **Guidelines for Eco-tourism in Protected Areas**
- **Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation**
- **Wildlife Crime Control Bureau:** To combat wildlife-related crimes
- **Wildlife Division (MoEFCC):**
  - ↳ Policy and law for conservation of biodiversity and Protected Area network
  - ↳ Technical and financial support to the State/ UTs under IDHW, Central Zoo Authority and Wildlife Institute of India

- **Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB):** Collection, collation of intelligence & its dissemination, establishment of centralized Wild Life crime databank, coordination etc.
- **Wildlife Crime Control:**
  - ↳ Operation Save Kurma
  - ↳ Operation Thunderbird

## Species-Specific Initiatives

- Protection and conservation of Greater Adjutant in Gangetic riverine tract
- Dolphin Conservation in Non-Protected Area Segment of Ganga River
- Conservation Breeding Centre for Wild water buffalo (2020)
- Recovery programme for Snow leopard (2009)
- Recovery programme for Vultures (2006)
- Project Elephant (1992)
- Project Tiger/National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) (1973)

## India's Collaboration with Global Wildlife Conservation Efforts

- ↳ Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- ↳ Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)
- ↳ Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- ↳ World Heritage Convention
- ↳ Ramsar Convention
- ↳ The Wildlife Trade Monitoring Network (TRAFFIC)
- ↳ United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)
- ↳ International Whaling Commission (IWC)
- ↳ International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- ↳ Global Tiger Forum (GTF)



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