



POBA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY - ENVIRONMENT

News: *The Poba Reserve Forest in Assam's Dhemaji district will soon be notified as a wildlife sanctuary.*

What's in the news?

The new Poba Wildlife Sanctuary will encompass an area of 257.29 sqkm, **including the Poba Reserve Forest, Kabu Chapri Proposed Reserve Forest, and the surrounding riverine areas.**

About Poba Reserved Forest

It was created in the year 1924.

Location:

- It is located in the Jonai subdivision, Dhemaji district of Assam.
- It is situated in the **foothills of the Himalayas in north-eastern Assam.**
- The Assam Forest Department has exclusively managed the Poba Forest since 1972.

Boundaries:

- **North:** The foothills of the Himalayan range in Arunachal Pradesh.
- **East and south:** The Siang, Dibang, and Lohit River systems confluencing into the mighty Brahmaputra and the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park.
- **West:** The revenue villages of the Jonai Sub-division of the Dhemaji district of Assam.

Area:

- The size of this forest is almost 100,000 acres (400 km).
- Poba Reserved Forest covers almost 60% of the state's forest area.

Fauna:

- It is home to many wildlife species, like rhinoceros and elephants, apart from the tiger.
- It is home to 16 species of mammals, including the elephant, sambar, hog deer, wild dog, and leopard.
- The forest area also houses many birds including the hornbill, peacock pheasant, junglefowl, and Indian peafowl.
- It has also been identified as one of India's most desired tiger reserves by the WWF in 1980.

Flora:

This forest is mainly a bamboo, eucalyptus and grassy area. The main wildlife is the elephant and sambar deer.

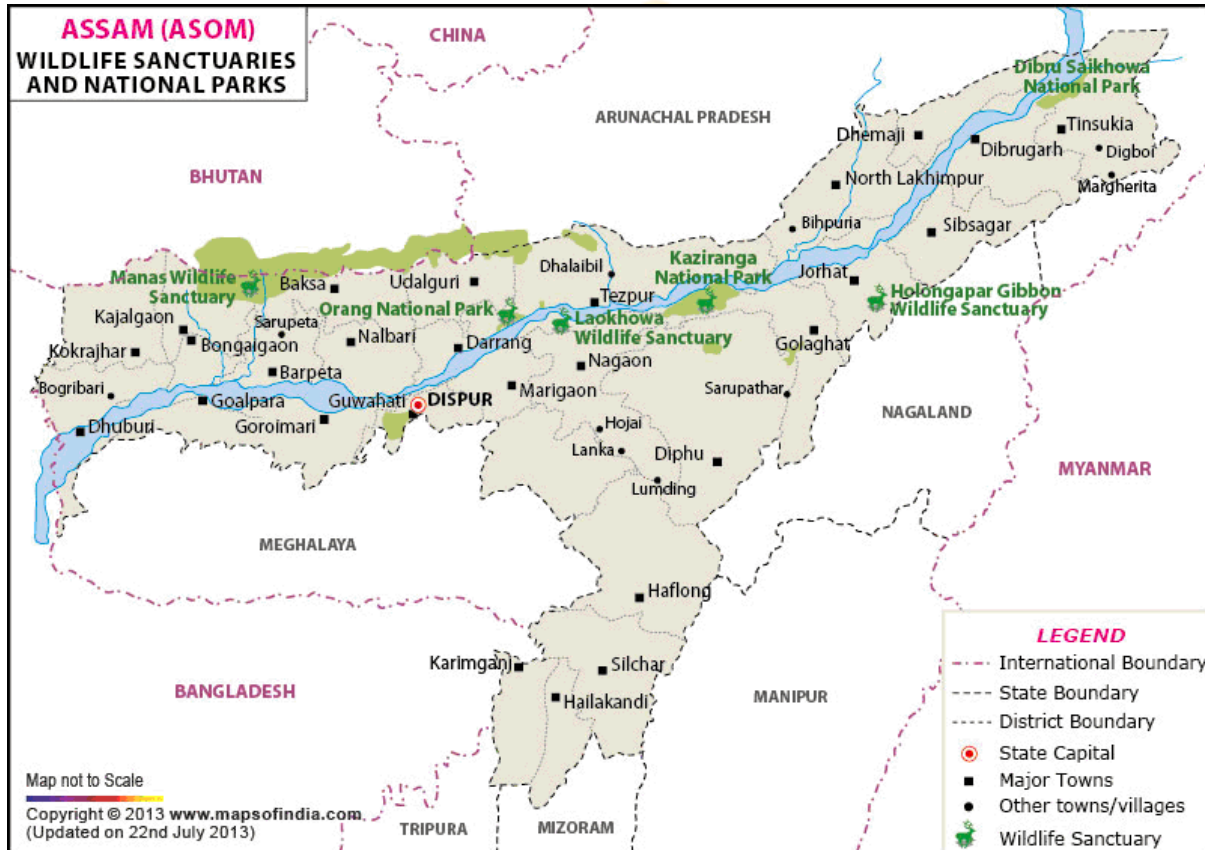
Significance:



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- It serves as an **important migratory route for various animals, particularly elephants, as it connects the D' Ering Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary (Arunachal Pradesh), Kabu Chapri Proposed Reserve Forest, and Dibru-Saikhowa National Park (Assam).**
- This corridor is the second significant elephant migration route from the north to the south bank of the Brahmaputra River, the other being the Panpur-Kaziranga route.



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