



INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF WILDLIFE HABITAT (IDWH) SCHEME : ENVIRONMENT

NEWS : Ministry achieves 100 days target on Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS ?

Cabinet Approved recently Continuation of Wildlife Habitat Development Scheme with Rs. 2602.98 Crore Outlay for 15th Finance Commission Cycle

Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat (IDWH) Scheme

- **Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- **Launched:** During the 11th Plan period, evolving from the earlier scheme "Assistance for the Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries."
- **Objective:** Boost technological interventions in tiger and wildlife habitats over the current and next financial year.

Key Beneficiaries

- 55 Tiger Reserves
- 33 Elephant Reserves
- 718 Protected Areas and their zones of influence

Components of the Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (IDWH)*

- Support to Protected Areas (National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Conservation Reserves & Community Reserves)
- Protection of Wildlife Outside Protected Areas
- Recovery programmes for saving critically endangered species & habitats

*IDWH – An on-going scheme through which financial assistance is provided to State/UT Govt. for protection & conservation of wildlife & its habitats in Protected Areas (PAs), outside PAs & for the recovery programmes of the critically endangered species.

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2. **Protection of Wildlife Outside Protected Areas**
3. **Recovery Programs** for critically endangered species and habitats

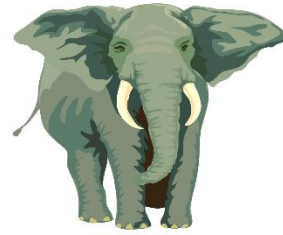
Sub-Components



IDWH



Project Tiger



Project Elephant

- **Project Tiger:** Bengal tiger population conservation; supports Project Cheetah.
- **Project Elephant:** Conserves elephant populations and reduces human-elephant conflict.
- **Development of Wildlife Habitat:** Includes Project Dolphin and Project Lion.

Recovery programmes for saving **critically endangered** species

So far, 22 species have been identified under the recovery programme. These are the Snow Leopard, Bustard (including Floricans), Dolphin, Hangul, Nilgiri Tahr, Marine Turtles, Dugongs, Edible Nest Swiftlet, Asian Wild Buffalo, Nicobar Megapode, Manipur Brow-antlered Deer, Vultures, Malabar Civet, Indian Rhinoceros, Asiatic Lion, Swamp Deer, Jerdon's Courser, the Northern River Terrapin, Clouded Leopard, Arabian Sea Humpback Whale, Red Panda and Caracal.

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