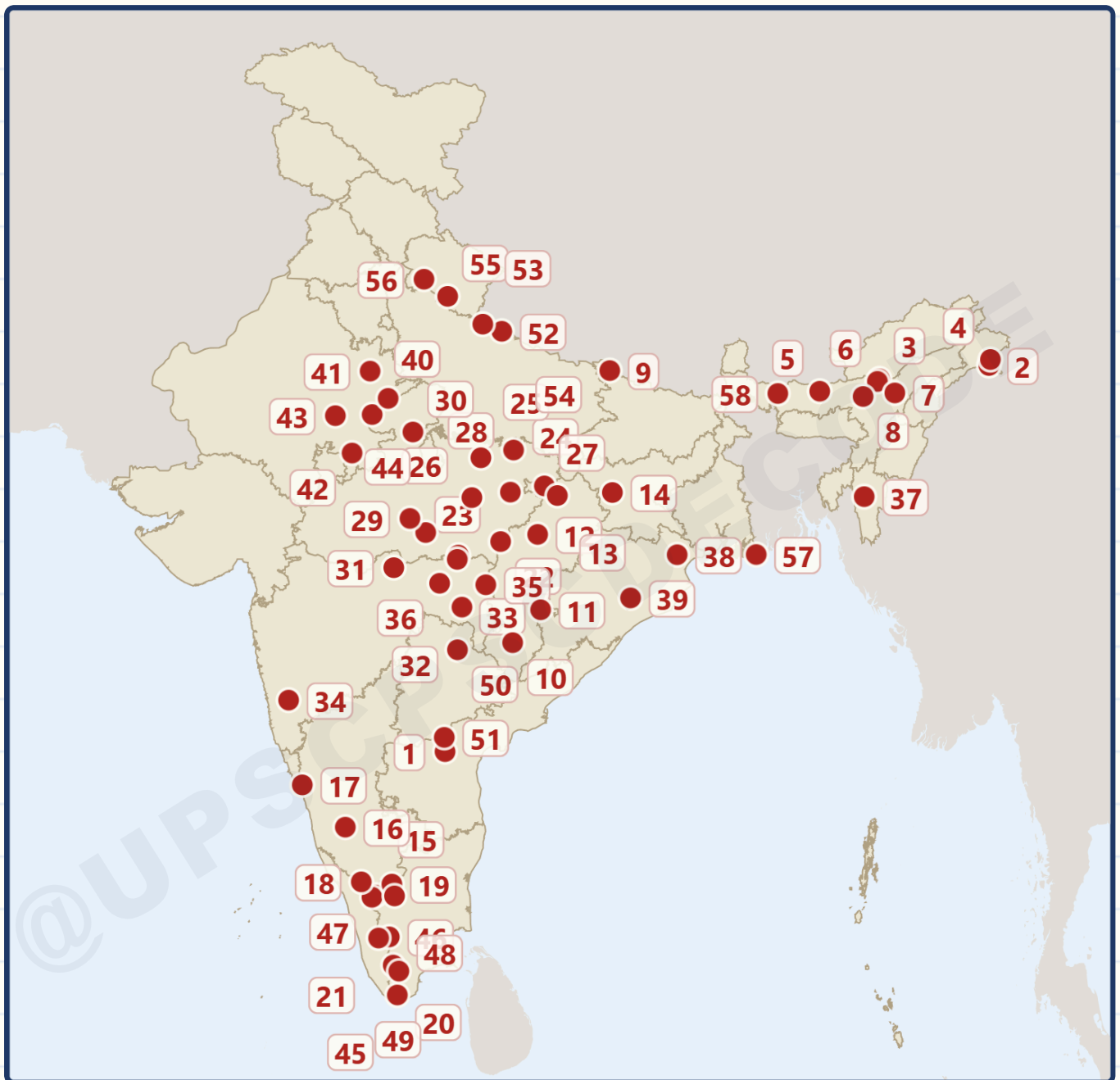


Tiger Reserves of India

State-wise · every tiger reserve · key facts · PYQ tags



PYQ = asked in UPSC (year) or UPPCS · states in A-Z order · numbers on the map = numbers in the tables

The basics first

Project Tiger 1 April 1973 · NTCA since 2006

- Launched 1973 at Corbett with 9 reserves; NTCA (statutory, 2006) runs it now
- Core = Critical Tiger Habitat; buffer around it
- India has about 75% of the world's wild tigers

The first nine (1973) asked as "which was among the first"

- Bandipur, Corbett, Kanha, Manas, Melghat
- Palamau, Ranthambore, Simlipal, Sundarbans

Records largest · most tigers · most reserves

- Largest: Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem (AP)
- Most tigers: Corbett (260 in 2022)
- Most reserves: Madhya Pradesh (9)
- Newest: Madhav, MP — 58th (March 2025)

State traps wrong pairs from real papers

- Buxa → West Bengal, NOT Bihar · Dampa → Mizoram
- Amangarh is in UP (Corbett's buffer) — NOT Madhya Pradesh
- Pench → two states: MP + Maharashtra
- Bhitarkanika is NOT a tiger reserve

Newest reserves 52nd → 58th

- Ramgarh Vishdhari (RJ) · Ranipur (UP) · Veerangana Durgavati (MP)
- Dholpur-Karauli (RJ) · Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla (CG)
- Ratapani (MP) · Madhav (MP, 2025)

Reintroduction stories tigers lost and brought back

- Sariska: first relocation (2008)
- Panna: brought back from zero (2009)
- Satkosia: inter-state relocation (2018) failed

Andhra Pradesh 1 tiger reserve

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
1	Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve 1982 PYQ UPPCS, UPSC 2020	- LARGEST tiger reserve; largest Critical Tiger Habitat (UPSC 2020) - Nallamala hills, Krishna river — Andhra Pradesh - Tigers (2022): 58 · 3,296 km²

Arunachal Pradesh 3 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
2	Namdapha Tiger Reserve 1982 PYQ UPPCS	- Arunachal — all four big cats: tiger, leopard, snow leopard, clouded leopard - Tigers (2022): 1 · 2,053 km²
3	Pakke Tiger Reserve 1999 PYQ UPPCS	- Arunachal (Pakhui) — hornbills; Pakke Hornbill Festival - Tigers (2022): 6 · 1,198 km²
4	Kamlang Tiger Reserve 2016	- Arunachal (Lohit) — Glaw Lake inside (India's 101st Ramsar site, 2026) - Tigers (2022): 0 · 783 km²

Assam 4 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
5	Manas Tiger Reserve 1973 PYQ UPPCS, UPSC 2012	- One of the first 9; World Heritage Site; on the Bhutan border - Golden langur, pygmy hog - Tigers (2022): 58 · 2,837 km²
6	Nameri Tiger Reserve 1999 PYQ UPPCS	- Assam, on the Jia Bhoroli river; white-winged wood duck - Tigers (2022): 3 · 464 km²
7	Kaziranga Tiger Reserve 2008	- Assam — one of the highest tiger densities; one-horned rhino - Tigers (2022): 104 · 1,174 km²
8	Orang Tiger Reserve 2016	- Assam — "mini Kaziranga", rhinos; north bank of the Brahmaputra - Tigers (2022): 16 · 492 km²

Bihar 1 tiger reserve

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
9	Valmiki Tiger Reserve 1989	- The ONLY tiger reserve of Bihar; joins Chitwan (Nepal) - Tigers (2022): 54 · 899 km²

Chhattisgarh 4 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
10	Indravati Tiger Reserve 1982	- Chhattisgarh (Bijapur); wild buffalo; Indravati river - Tigers (2022): 1 · 2,799 km²
11	Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve 2008	- Chhattisgarh; wild buffalo (state animal) - Tigers (2022): 1 · 1,843 km²
12	Achanakmar Tiger Reserve 2008	- Chhattisgarh — core of the Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve - Tigers (2022): 5 · 914 km²
13	Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve 2024	- Chhattisgarh — 56th (2024); among the largest - Tigers (2022): 0 · 2,829 km²

Jharkhand 1 tiger reserve

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
14	Palamau Tiger Reserve 1973	- One of the first 9 — Jharkhand (Betla NP) - Tigers now almost gone - Tigers (2022): 1 · 1,130 km²

Karnataka 5 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
15	Bandipur Tiger Reserve 1973 PYQ UPPCS, UPSC 2012	- One of the first 9 (1973); Karnataka — in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve - Mysuru-Ooty highway night-traffic ban - Tigers (2022): 150 · 1,456 km²
16	Bhadra Tiger Reserve 1998	- Karnataka (Chikkamagaluru); villages resettled out of the core - Tigers (2022): 28 · 1,064 km²

17	Kali Tiger Reserve 2008	- Karnataka — formerly Dandeli-Anshi; Kali river - Tigers (2022): 17 · 1,098 km²
18	Nagarhole Tiger Reserve 2008	- Karnataka — Rajiv Gandhi NP; Kabini river - Tigers (2022): 141 · 1,206 km²
19	Biligiri Ranganatha Temple Tiger Reserve 2010	- Karnataka — Soliga tribe got forest rights inside a tiger reserve (first) - Links the Eastern and Western Ghats - Tigers (2022): 37 · 575 km²

Kerala 2 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
20	Periyar Tiger Reserve 1978	- Kerala; Periyar lake — elephants - One of the older reserves (1978) - Tigers (2022): 30 · 925 km²
21	Parambikulam Tiger Reserve 2008	- Kerala — teak (Kannimara teak), in the Anamalai hills - Tigers (2022): 31 · 644 km²

Madhya Pradesh 9 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
22	Kanha Tiger Reserve 1973	- Hard-ground barasingha; mascot "Bhoorsingh" - One of the first 9 (1973) - Tigers (2022): 105 · 2,052 km²
23	Pench (M.P.) Tiger Reserve 1992 PYQ UPPCS	- Pench lies in TWO states — MP and Maharashtra (UPPCS) "The Jungle Book" country - Tigers (2022): 77 · 1,180 km²
24	Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve 1993 PYQ UPPCS	- Very high tiger density; home of the first white tiger found (Mohan) - Tigers (2022): 135 · 1,537 km²
25	Panna Tiger Reserve 1994	- Tigers brought back in 2009 after all were lost; Ken river - Ken-Betwa link cuts into it - Tigers (2022): 55 · 1,598 km²
26	Satpura Tiger Reserve 1999	- MP — core of the Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve - Tigers (2022): 50 · 2,133 km²
27	Sanjay Dhubri Tiger Reserve 2008	- Madhya Pradesh (Sidhi) — Sanjay Dubri - Tigers (2022): 16 · 1,675 km²

28	Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve 2023	- Madhya Pradesh (Nauradehi) — 54th (2023) - Tigers (2022): 0 · 2,339 km²
29	Ratapani Tiger Reserve 2024	- Madhya Pradesh (Raisen) — 57th (2024); Bhimbetka rock shelters nearby - Tigers (2022): 0 · 1,271 km²
30	Madhav Tiger Reserve 2025	- Madhya Pradesh (Shivpuri) — 58th and newest (March 2025); MP's ninth - Tigers (2022): 5 · 1,751 km²

Maharashtra 6 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
31	Melghat Tiger Reserve 1973 PYQ UPPCS	- One of the first 9; Satpura hills, Tapti basin — Maharashtra - Korku tribe - Tigers (2022): 57 · 2,769 km²
32	Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve 1993	- Maharashtra's oldest and largest national park; Chandrapur - Tigers (2022): 97 · 1,728 km²
33	Pench Tiger Reserve 1998	- The Maharashtra half of the two-state Pench reserve - Tigers (2022): 48 · 741 km²
34	Sahyadri Tiger Reserve 2009	- Maharashtra — Koyna and Chandoli; Western Ghats - Tigers (2022): 0 · 1,166 km²
35	Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve 2013	- Maharashtra (Gondia-Bhandara) - Tigers (2022): 11 · 1,895 km²
36	Bor Tiger Reserve 2014	- Maharashtra (Wardha) — one of the smallest - Tigers (2022): 9 · 816 km²

Mizoram 1 tiger reserve

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
37	Dampa Tiger Reserve 1994 PYQ UPPCS	- MIZORAM's tiger reserve (UPPCS) - Tigers (2022): 0 · 988 km²

Odisha 2 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
38	Similipal Tiger Reserve 1973 PYQ UPPCS	- One of the first 9 – Odisha; pseudo-melanistic ("black") tigers - Tigers (2022): 16 · 2,750 km²
39	Satkosia Tiger Reserve 2008	- Odisha – Mahanadi gorge; first tiger relocation between states (2018) failed - Tigers (2022): 0 · 964 km²

Rajasthan 5 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
40	Ranthambore Tiger Reserve 1973	- One of the first 9; Aravalli-Vindhya junction – Rajasthan - Banas and Chambal rivers - Tigers (2022): 57 · 1,411 km²
41	Sariska Tiger Reserve 1978 PYQ UPPCS	- Rajasthan – first tiger RELOCATION (2008) after tigers were wiped out - Tigers (2022): 19 · 1,213 km²
42	Mukandra Hills Tiger Reserve 2013	- Rajasthan (Kota) – Darrah; Chambal - Tigers (2022): 1 · 760 km²
43	Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve 2022	- Rajasthan (Bundi) – 52nd (2022) - Tigers (2022): 1 · 1,502 km²
44	Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve 2023	- Rajasthan – 55th (2023) - Tigers (2022): 0 · 600 km²

Tamil Nadu 5 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
45	Kalakad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve 1988 PYQ UPSC 2019	- Tamil Nadu's first; the Tamiraparani rises here - Part of Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve (UPSC 2019) - Tigers (2022): 5 · 1,602 km²
46	Anamalai Tiger Reserve 2008	- Tamil Nadu – Indira Gandhi National Park; lion-tailed macaque - Tigers (2022): 16 · 1,480 km²

47	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve 2008	- Tamil Nadu — where Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka meet (Nilgiri BR) - Tigers (2022): 114 · 689 km²
48	Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve 2013 PYQ UPSC 2017	- Tamil Nadu — the link between the Eastern and Western Ghats (UPSC 2017) - Tigers (2022): 85 · 1,408 km²
49	Srivilliputhur-Megamalai Tiger Reserve 2021	- Tamil Nadu (2021) — grizzled giant squirrel - Tigers (2022): 12 · 1,017 km²

Telangana 3 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
1	Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve also here · see Andhra Pradesh	
50	Kawal Tiger Reserve 2012	- Telangana — Godavari basin - Tigers (2022): 0 · 2,015 km²
51	Amrabad Tiger Reserve 2014	- Telangana — Nallamala hills; Chenchu tribe - Tigers (2022): 12 · 2,611 km²

Uttar Pradesh 3 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
52	Dudhwa Tiger Reserve 1987	- Uttar Pradesh terai, on the Nepal border; swamp deer, rhinos brought back - Tigers (2022): 135 · 2,202 km²
53	Pilibhit Tiger Reserve 2014	- Uttar Pradesh — won the first TX2 award for doubling its tigers (2014–18) - Tigers (2022): 63 · 730 km²
54	Ranipur Tiger Reserve 2022	- Uttar Pradesh (Chitrakoot) — 53rd (2022) - Tigers (2022): 0 · 529 km²

Uttarakhand 2 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
55	Corbett Tiger Reserve 1973 PYQ UPPCS, UPSC 2020	- First national park (Hailey, 1936); Project Tiger was launched here (1973) - Most tigers of any reserve (260, 2022) - Ramganga river - Tigers (2022): 260 · 1,288 km²
56	Rajaji Tiger Reserve 2015 PYQ UPPCS	- Uttarakhand — Haridwar–Dehradun; elephants (UPPCS: recently declared) - Tigers (2022): 54 · 1,075 km²

West Bengal 2 tiger reserves

#	Tiger reserve	Key facts
57	Sunderbans Tiger Reserve 1973 PYQ UPSC 2012, UPSC 2020	- One of the first 9; mangrove tigers that swim - World Heritage + Ramsar site - Tigers (2022): 100 · 2,585 km²
58	Buxa Tiger Reserve 1982 PYQ UPPCS	- WEST BENGAL, not Bihar (UPPCS trap); on the Bhutan border - Tigers (2022): 1 · 758 km²