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National Parks of Odisha

- Odisha has **2 National Parks**: **Simlipal** and **Bhitarkanika**
- These are areas reserved for the **protection of flora, fauna**, and their **natural habitats**

2 National Parks

Bhitarkanika National Park

- Located in **Kendrapara** district
- Established in **1998**
- One of the **five marine protected areas** in the state
- Important **fauna**: **Saltwater crocodile**, **white crocodile**, **Indian python**, **king cobra**, **black ibis**

Simlipal National Park

- Located in **Mayurbhanj** district
- Established in **1980**
- Features: **Tiger reserve**, **wildlife sanctuary**, **biosphere reserve**
- Rivers: **Budhabalanga**, **Palpala**, **Deo**, etc.
- Waterfalls: **Joranda (150 m)** and **Barehipani (400 m)**
- Important **fauna**: **Tiger**, **elephant**, **gaur**, **leopard**, **four-horned antelope**, **sambar**

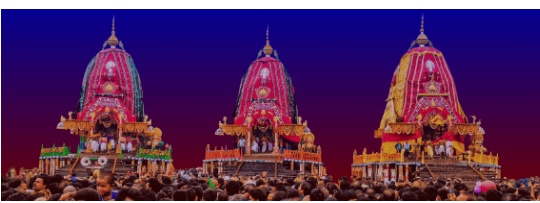
Major Wildlife Sanctuaries of Odisha

Badrama (Ushakothi) Wildlife Sanctuary

- Located in **Sambalpur**

Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary

- Located in **Kendrapara**, estuarine region of **Brahmani-Baitarani**
- Established in **1975**





- Noted for **mangrove forests**
- Nesting site for **Olive Ridley sea turtles**

Satkosia Gorge Wildlife Sanctuary

- Located in **Angul**, bordering **Boudh, Nayagarh, Cuttack**
- Established in **1976**
- River: **Mahanadi**
- **Fauna: Gharials, elephants, gaur, black bear, macaque, wild goat**

Simlipal Wildlife Sanctuary

- Located in **Mayurbhanj**
- Established in **1979**

Nandankanan Wildlife Sanctuary

- Located in **Khurda**, inside **Chandaka forest**
- Established in **1979**
- Only **pangolin breeding centre** in the world

Baisipalli Wildlife Sanctuary

- Located in **Nayagarh**
- Close to **Satkosia Gorge**
- **Fauna: Elephant, tiger, python, king cobra**

Chandaka-Dampara Wildlife Sanctuary

- Located in **Khurda & Cuttack**
- **Elephant reserve**
- **Fauna: Elephant, leopard, pangolin, hyena, langur**

Balukhand-Konark Wildlife Sanctuary

- Located in **Puri**, between **Puri and Konark**
- **Fauna: Black buck, monkey, spotted deer, hyena**

Chilika (Nalabana) Wildlife Sanctuary

- Located in **Puri, Khurda, Ganjam**
- Established in **1987**
- Island inside **Chilika Lake**, migratory bird paradise





→ Fauna: **Irrawady dolphin**, bottle-nosed dolphin, black buck, 160+ fish species

Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary

- Located in **Nuapada**
- Established in **1988**
- **Tiger reserve**, link between **Odisha** and **Chhattisgarh**
- Fauna: **Swamp deer**, **nilgai**, **wild buffalo**, **200+** bird species

Gahirmatha Marine Wildlife Sanctuary

- Located in **Kendrapara**
- Established in **1997**
- Area: **1435 sq km**
- World’s largest nesting site of **Olive Ridley sea turtles**

Wildlife Reserves in Odisha

Simlipal Tiger Reserve

- Located in **Mayurbhanj**
- Established in **1956**, under **Project Tiger (1973)**
- 94 species of **orchids**, **35** endemic to **Odisha**
- Fauna: **Leopard**, **sambar**, **langur**, **wild dog**, **porcupine**

Mayurbhanj Elephant Reserve

- Includes: **Simlipal**, **Hadgarh**, **Kuldiha**
- Established in **2001**

Mahanadi Elephant Reserve

- Located in **Angul**, **Cuttack**, **Nayagarh**, **Dhenkanal**
- Established in **2002**

Sambalpur Elephant Reserve

- Covers **Sambalpur**, **Jharsuguda**, **Sundargarh**
- Established in **2002**





Satkosia Tiger Reserve

- Comprises **Satkosia Gorge + Baisipalli Sanctuary**
- Established in **2007**
- **Fauna: Gharial, turtles, leopard, wild dog, jackal, squirrel**

Biodiversity Hotspots in Odisha

Simlipal Biosphere Reserve

- Established in **1994**
- **Forests: Moist deciduous, sal, semi-evergreen**
- Over **50%** of Odisha’s tiger population
- **Birds: Red breasted falconet, grey-headed eagle, white-eared bulbul**

Western Odisha Biodiversity

- **Gandhamardan and Badarama forest range**
- Forest types: **Shorea terminalia, bamboo, dry deciduous, scrub**

Bhitarkanika Mangroves

- **2nd largest mangrove after Sundarbans**
- **Declared Ramsar Site (2002)**
- Home to **saltwater crocodile, king cobra, turtles, dolphins**

Chilika Lagoon

- **Declared Ramsar Site (1981)**
- **Asia’s largest brackish water lagoon**
- Known for **Chilika crabs, prawns, migratory birds**

Conservation Initiatives in Odisha

Project Tiger (1973)

- **Simlipal** included in Phase-1
- **Nandankanan Zoo** – largest white tiger population





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Crocodile Conservation (1974-75)

→ Locations: **Bhitarkanika, Satkosia, Nandankanan**

Sea Turtle Conservation (1976)

→ Nesting sites: **Gahirmatha, Devi, Rushikulya**

Project Elephant (1991)

→ Reserves: **Mayurbhanj, Mahanadi, Sambalpur**

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