

Bhadra Tiger Reserve

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About Bhadra Tiger Reserve

- State: Karnataka
- Parts of the current reserve were first declared as Jagara Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in 1951.
- A local proverb says” the bamboo swings to the voice of the wind.
- The tiger wanders for fun and if so, it must be the Jagara valley”.
- In 1974 the area was expanded and named the Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary.
- In 1998 the sanctuary was included in the Project Tiger Network.

Flora

- The reserve is surrounded by a lofty hill range and supports more than 120 plant species.
- Bhadra is the natural habitat of prized timber such as Teak and Rosewood.
- The area used to be famous for its Indian bison population, which numbered more than a thousand, 80% of them were killed by Rinderpest some years ago.
- An estimated 33 tigers are found in Bhadra.

Forest Types

- Tropical Moist Mixed Deciduous Forest,
- Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest,
- Semi-Evergreen Forest

Fauna

- Tiger, leopard, elephant, gaur, sambar, barking deer, spotted deer, wild dog, wild boar, sloth bear, etc.

Threats

- Frequent fires adversely affect the habitat and biodiversity of Bhadra.
- Timber smuggling of valuable trees is also a great problem.