

Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary

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In news– The Tamil Nadu government has recently notified the Cauvery South Wildlife

About the sanctuary-

- It has an **area of 68,640 hectares** and it is the state's **17th wildlife sanctuary**.
- It **covers reserve forest areas in Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri districts**, is home to 35 species of mammals, 238 species of birds, Leith's soft shelled turtles, smooth coated otters, marsh crocodile and four horned antelopes, and is a wildlife paradise.
- Grizzled giant squirrel, four-horned antelope, and Lesser Fish Eagle which are exclusively dependent on the Cauvery river and its riverine forest ecosystem, are also found here.
- The sanctuary was notified under Section 26-A of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- It will **connect Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary of Tamil Nadu with the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary** in neighbouring Karnataka thereby forming a large, contiguous network of protected areas for wildlife.
- This landscape maintains further **continuity to the Nilgiri Biosphere through Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary, Billigiri Rangaswamy Temple (BRT) Tiger Reserve in Karnataka and Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve and Erode District**.
- **Two important and large elephant corridors namely, the Nandimangalam-Ulibanda Corridor and the Kovaipallam-Anebidahalla Corridor fall in this area.**