

# India State of Forest Report, 2019

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The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change released the India State of Forest Report, 2019. The report gives a forest and tree cover map for the country.

## Key findings of the report are:

- The total **forest cover is around 21.7% of the geographical area of the country.**
- The total **tree cover is around 2.9%** of the geographical area.
- There has been **an increase of 0.6% of forest cover**, and 1.3% of tree cover compared to the previous assessment in 2017.
- **Mangrove cover in the country has increased by 1.1%** since the previous assessment.
- The annual removal of small timber by people living in villages around forests is nearly 7% of the average annual yield of forests in the country.
- About 21.4% of the forest cover of the country is highly-to-extremely fire-prone.

## Forest cover in India(2019)

<b>Class</b>	<b>Area(sq Km)</b>	<b>% of area</b>
Very dense forest	99,278	3.02%
Moderately dense forest	3,08,472	9.38%
Open forest	3,04,499	9.26%
Total forest cover	7,12,249	21.67%
Tree cover	95,027	2.89%

Non-forest and scrub	24,80,193	75.44%
Total geographical area	32,87,469	100.00%

Note: Forest area covers Mangrove cover

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