

# 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%            |

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|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 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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