

Indian Rhino Vision 2020 (IRV2020)

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In news : IRV2020 program has been completed recently

What is it?

IRV is a collaborative effort between various organisations, including the International Rhino Foundation, Assam's Forest Department, Bodoland Territorial Council, WWF-India, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Key features of IRV2020

- IRV2020 was established in 2005
- Moving Rhinos to ecologically (Wild-to-wild translocations) similar but distant areas to ensure species survival is an essential part of the programme
- The goal of IRV2020 was to increase the rhino population in Assam to 3,000 by establishing populations in new areas by 2020
- It intends to spread them over seven of the state's protected areas: Kaziranga, Pobitora, Orang national park, Manas national park, Laokhowa wildlife sanctuary, Burachapori wildlife sanctuary and Dibru Saikhowa wildlife sanctuary.

About the greater one-horned rhino (or "Indian rhino")

- **Scientific name:** Rhinoceros unicornis
- It is the largest of the rhino species
- **Appearance:** It is identified by a single black horn about 8-25 inches long and a grey-brown hide with skin folds, which gives it an armor-plated appearance
- **Habitat:** Tropical and Subtropical Grasslands,

Savannas, and Shrublands

- **IUCN Red List:** Vulnerable
- **Current Population:** Around 3700
- Globally, rhinoceros unicornis has been listed in **CITES Appendix I**

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