

Krishna Wildlife Sanctuary

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Why in news?

- The Forest Department identified 308 hectares of revenue land for inclusion in the Krishna Wildlife Sanctuary (KWS) as recommended by the National Board for Wildlife.
- The inclusion is for compensating the land being diverted for setting up Missile Test Launch Facility by the DRDO in Nagayalanka mandal in Krishna District.

About the sanctuary:

- Krishna Wildlife Sanctuary is a wildlife sanctuary and estuary located in the coastal plain of Krishna delta, spread across Krishna and Guntur districts of Andhra Pradesh.
- It harbors vast tracts of pristine **mangrove forests**.
- The **estuary of the Krishna River** passes through the sanctuary.
- This region potentially holds one of the most **significant populations of fishing cats**(IUCN status – **endangered**) in the world.