

Navegaon nagzira tiger reserve

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- Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve (NNTR) was notified as **46th tiger reserve** of India in December, 2013.
- It is the 5th **Tiger reserve of Maharashtra**, situated in Gondia and Bhandara Districts.
- Gondia district shares common boundaries with the states of Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh on the North and Eastern side respectively.
- Strategically the Tiger Reserve is located in the **heart of central Indian Tiger landscape** which contributes almost 1/6 of the total tiger population of the country.
- NNTR comprises the notified area of Navegaon National Park, Navegaon Wildlife Sanctuary, Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary, New Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary and Koka Wildlife Sanctuary.
- NNTR has **connectivity with** the major tiger reserves in Central India like **Kanha and Pench Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh, Pench and Tadoba-Andhari TR in Maharashtra, Indravati tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh.**
- Indirectly it has connectivity with the Kawal and Nagarjuna Sagar in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and, Achanakmar Tiger reserve in Chhattisgarh.
- It is also connected to important tiger bearing areas like Umred-Karhandla sanctuary and Bramhapuri division.
- The major forest type is **Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest.**
- Fauna include Cheetal, Sambar, Nilgai, Chousingha, Barking deer, Wild pig and Indian gaur, Common langoor, Rhesus macaque, Pangolin, Honey badger, Flying squirrels, Civets and Mongoose species, Giant squirrel etc...
- Mouse deer have also been recorded from the area.