

Satkosia Tiger Reserve

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- **State:** Odisha
- Comprises two adjoining sanctuaries of central Odisha named as Satkosia Gorge Sanctuary and Baisipalli Sanctuary.
- These two sanctuaries together covering an area of 963.87 sq km were notified as Tiger Reserve in December 2007.
- Reserve lying in a transitional zone extending between the Chhota Nagpur Plateau and the Deccan Plateau, the tiger reserve exhibits endemic life forms of both biotic provinces.

Fauna:

- The area supports moist deciduous forest, dry deciduous forest and moist peninsular Sal forest.

Flora:

- This area is the home for Tiger, Leopard, Elephant, Gaur, Chousingha, Sloth bear, Wild dog, varieties of resident and migratory birds, reptilian species, etc.

Satkosia Gorge Sanctuary

- **State:** Odisha
- Given the status of sanctuary in 1976.
- Spreads out in four districts of Odisha namely Angul, Budh, Cuttack and Nayagarh.
- **Fauna:** It is known for Gharials, Mugger crocodile and rare freshwater turtles like Chitra indica and Indian softshell turtle.

Baisipalli Sanctuary

- **State:** Odisha
- Given the status of sanctuary in May 1981.
- It is located where the Mahanadi River passes through a gorge in the Eastern Ghats mountains.
- Part of the Deccan Peninsula Biogeographic Zone, Eastern Plateau province and Eastern Ghat sub-division.

Flora and Fauna: It is a sal dominated forest with a significant number of tigers, leopards, elephants, herbivores like Chousingha and water birds, reptilians, etc.