

# Shivalik Elephant Reserve

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In news

Uttarakhand government is considering denotifying the Shivalik Elephant Reserve

A brief note on the issue

- The officials said that the matter will be raised before the state Wildlife Advisory Board for discussion in its next meeting
- If the board gives an in-principle approval, a detailed proposal will be taken up and the matter communicated to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF).
- The officials also stated that area will remain a reserve forest even after de-notification as an elephant reserve

About Shivalik Elephant Reserve

- The Shivalik Elephant Reserve was notified in the year 2002
- It is spread over 5,000 sq km

Indian Elephants

- The Indian elephant *Elephas maximus* occurs in the central and southern Western Ghats, North-east India, eastern India and northern India and in some parts of southern peninsular India.
- It is included in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and in Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES).
- It occurs in 16 of the 28 states in the country and is showing an increasing trend across its distributional

range.