

WWF's Management plan for Sukhna lake wetland

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Recently, the World Wide Fund (WWF) agreed to prepare a management plan for the Sukhna lake wetland free of cost

What is the management plan with respect to a wetland?

The management plan includes water conservation, tourism activities around and inside the wetland, ways to stop deficit water in the wetland, preservation of the local flora and fauna, and controlling and regulating the boating pressure.

About Sukhna Wetland

- Sukhna Wetland is spread over 565 acres.
- The catchment area of Sukhna Wetland spreads over 10,395 acres, including 2,525 acres of Haryana and 684 acres of Punjab, as per the Survey of India.
- A major threat to Sukhna is the discharge of pollutants from the neighboring states.
- The WWF was the knowledge partner of UT administration for declaring Sukhna lake as a wetland.
- Although Sukhna lake was declared a wetland in 1989, the UT Administration again issued a wetland notification in 2019 under the Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rule 2017.

About World Wide Fund for Nature

- WWF is an international non-governmental organization founded in 1961 that works in the field of wilderness preservation and the reduction of human impact on the environment.
- As the world's leading conservation organization, WWF

works in nearly 100 countries.

- WWF works to help local communities conserve the natural resources they depend upon; transform markets and policies toward sustainability, and protect and restore species and their habitats.