

## **Biosphere Reserves in India**

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S. No.	Name	Location (State)
1	Nilgiri	First Biosphere Reserve to be notified and part of UNESCO MAB Part of Wayanad, Nagarhole, Bandipur and Madumalai, Nilambur, Silent Valley and Siruvani hills <b>(Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka).</b>
2	Nanda Devi	<b>Uttarakhand</b>
3	Nokrek	Part of Garo hills <b>(Meghalaya).</b>
4	Great Nicobar	Southern most islands of Andaman And Nicobar <b>(A&amp;N Islands).</b>
5	Gulf of Mannar	Out of UNESCO MAB, it has the largest area. Indian part of Gulf of Mannar between India and Sri Lanka <b>(Tamil Nadu).</b>
6	Manas	<b>Assam</b>
7	Sunderbans	Out of UNESCO MAB it has the largest core area. Part of delta of Ganges and Brahmaputra river system <b>(West Bengal).</b>
8	Simlipal	Part of Mayurbhanj district <b>(Orissa).</b>
9	Dibru-Saikhowa	Part of Dibrugarh and Tinsukia Districts <b>(Assam)</b>
10	Dehang-Dibang	Part of Siang and Dibang Valley in <b>Arunachal Pradesh.</b>
11	Pachmarhi	<b>Madhya Pradesh.</b>
12	Khangchendzonga	Khangchendzonga hills <b>Sikkim.</b>
13	Agasthyamalai	Neyyar, Peppara and Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuaries and their adjoining areas in <b>Kerala.</b>
14	Achanakamar - Amarkantak	<b>Madhya Pradesh and Chhattishgarh.</b>
15	Kachchh	Largest Biosphere reserve, though not part of UNESCO MAB as of now. <b>Gujarat</b>
16	Cold Desert	Pin Valley National Park and surroundings; Chandratal and Sarchu&Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary in <b>Himachal Pradesh</b>
17	Seshachalam Hills	Seshachalam Hill Ranges of <b>Andhra Pradesh</b>
18	Panna	Last to be inducted under UNESCO MAB <b>Madhya Pradesh</b>



Source: <https://www.mapsofindia.com/maps/wildlife/biosphere-reserves-of-india.html>

## Details of Biosphere reserve:

### 1. Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve

- **Location:** Intersection of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Kerala
- **National Parks:** Bandipur, Mudumalai, Nagarhole, Silent Valley, Wayanad
- **Geographical Features:** Western Ghats mountains, Nilgiri Hills
- **Flora and Fauna:** Elephants, Tigers, Indian Bison, Nilgiri Tahr, Lion-tailed macaque

### 2. Gulf of Mannar

- **Location:** Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka
- **National Parks:** Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Coral reefs, estuaries, beaches, forests of the nearshore environment
- **Flora and Fauna:** Dugong, Green Sea Turtle, diverse coral and fish species

### 3. Sundarbans

- **Location:** West Bengal
- **National Parks:** Sundarbans National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Mangrove forests, delta region
- **Flora and Fauna:** Royal Bengal Tigers, Saltwater Crocodile, Sundari trees

### 4. Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers

- **Location:** Uttarakhand
- **National Parks:** Nanda Devi National Park, Valley of Flowers National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Western Himalayas, alpine shrub and meadows
- **Flora and Fauna:** Snow Leopard, Himalayan Musk Deer, diverse alpine flora

### 5. Simlipal

- **Location:** Odisha
- **National Parks:** Simlipal National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Chota Nagpur Plateau, waterfalls
- **Flora and Fauna:** Elephant, Gaur, Orchids, and Mugger crocodile

### 6. Dibru-Saikhowa

- **Location:** Assam
- **National Parks:** Dibru-Saikhowa National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Brahmaputra and Lohit Rivers in the north, Dibru river in the south
- **Flora and Fauna:** Feral Horses, Gangetic Dolphins, migratory birds

### 7. Manas

- **Location:** Assam
- **National Parks:** Manas National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Foothills of the Himalayas
- **Flora and Fauna:** Pygmy Hog, Assam Roofed Turtle, Hispid Hare, Golden Langur

### 8. Great Nicobar

- **Location:** Nicobar Islands
- **National Parks:** Galathea National Park, Campbell Bay National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Tropical rainforests, unique island ecosystem
- **Flora and Fauna:** Saltwater Crocodile, Nicobar Pigeon, Giant Robber Crab

### 9. Pachmarhi

- **Location:** Madhya Pradesh
- **National Parks:** Satpura National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Satpura mountain ranges
- **Flora and Fauna:** Leopards, Wild Boars, Giant Squirrel

### 10. Khangchendzonga

- **Location:** Sikkim
- **National Parks:** Khangchendzonga National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Alpine meadows, glaciers
- **Flora and Fauna:** Snow Leopard, Red Panda

### 11. Agasthyamalai

- **Location:** Kerala and Tamil Nadu

- **National Parks:** None, but includes Neyyar, Peppara and Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuaries
- **Geographical Features:** Agasthyamalai Hills
- **Flora and Fauna:** Nilgiri Tahr, Elephant

#### 12. Achanakmar-Amarkantak

- **Location:** Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh
- **National Parks:** None
- **Geographical Features:** Maikal Hills
- **Flora and Fauna:** Tigers, Leopards, medicinal plants

#### 13. Kachchh

- **Location:** Gujarat
- **National Parks:** None, but includes Narayan Sarovar Sanctuary, Kachchh Desert Wildlife Sanctuary
- **Geographical Features:** Salt marshes, desert lands
- **Flora and Fauna:** Indian Wild Ass, Greater Flamingo

#### 14. Cold Desert

- **Location:** Himachal Pradesh
- **National Parks:** Pin Valley National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Cold deserts, Spiti Valley
- **Flora and Fauna:** Snow Leopard, Siberian Ibex

#### 15. Seshachalam Hills

- **Location:** Andhra Pradesh
- **National Parks:** Sri Venkateswara National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Eastern Ghats
- **Flora and Fauna:** Slender Loris, Indian Giant Squirrel

#### 16. Nokrek

- **Location:** Meghalaya
- **National Parks:** Nokrek National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Garo Hills
- **Flora and Fauna:** Red Panda, Asian Elephant

#### 17. Dehang Debang

- **Location:** Arunachal Pradesh
- **National Parks:** Mouling National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Eastern Himalayas
- **Flora and Fauna:** Snow Leopard, Red Panda

#### 18. Panna

- **Location:** Madhya Pradesh
- **National Parks:** Panna National Park
- **Geographical Features:** Vindhya Range
- **Flora and Fauna:** Tiger, Chinkara, and Indian crocodile