



LAST MINUTE PRELIMS RECKONER 2025

ENVIRONMENT

ELEPHANT RESERVES IN INDIA

ELEPHANT RESERVES IN INDIA



INDIAN ELEPHANT

- ✓ The current distribution of wild elephant in India is restricted to four general areas: **north-eastern India, central India, north-western India, and southern India**. It is found in 16 of the 28 states in the country.
- ✓ IUCN Status: **Endangered**
- ✓ 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).
- ✓ **Project Elephant** was launched in 1992 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with following objectives:
 1. To protect elephants, their habitat & corridors
 2. To address issues of man-animal conflict
 3. Welfare of captive elephants
- ✓ Elephant reserves and elephant corridors are administrative (as opposed to legal) classifications, formed by **state government notifications**. This is in contrast with tiger reserves, which are recognized under the Wildlife Protection Act and are intended to provide stricter on-the-ground and legal protection.
- ✓ The Elephant census of 2017 estimates the population of jumbos in the country to be 27312, with **Karnataka reporting the highest population at 6049, followed by Assam (5719), Kerala (5706), Tamil Nadu (2761) and Odisha (1976)**.

ELEPHANT RESERVES (As on February, 2025)

S. No.	Elephant Reserve	State	Total Area (Sq. Km)
1	Rayala ER	Andhra Pradesh	766
2	Kameng ER	Arunachal Pradesh	1892
3	South Arunachal ER	Arunachal Pradesh	1957
4	Sonitpur ER	Assam	1420
5	Dihing-Patkai ER	Assam	937
6	Kaziranga – Karbi Anglong ER	Assam	3270
7	Dhansiri-Lungding ER	Assam	2740
8	Chirang-Ripu ER	Assam	2600
9	Badalkhol-Tamorpingla	Chhattisgarh	1048
10	Lemru ER	Chhattisgarh	450
11	Singhbhum ER	Jharkhand	4530
12	Mysore ER	Karnataka	6724
13	Dandeli ER	Karnataka	2,321
14	Wayanad ER	Kerala	1200
15	Nilambur ER	Kerala	1419
16	Anamudi ER	Kerala	3728
17	Periyar	Kerala	3742
18	Garo Hills ER	Meghalaya	3,500

19	Intanki ER	Nagaland	202
20	Singphan ER	Nagaland	23.57
21	Mayurbhanj ER	Odisha	3214
22	Mahanadi ER	Odisha	1038
23	Sambalpur ER	Odisha	427
24	Nilgiri ER	Tamil Nadu	4663
25	Coimbatore ER	Tamil Nadu	566
26	Anamalai ER	Tamil Nadu	1457
27	Srivilliputtur ER	Tamil Nadu	1249
28	Agsthyamalai ER	Tamil Nadu	1,197
29	Uttar Pradesh ER	Uttar Pradesh	744
30	Terai ER	Uttar Pradesh	3049
31	Shivalik ER	Uttarakhand	5405
32	Mayurjharna ER	West Bengal	414
33	Eastern Dooars ER	West Bengal	978

ELEPHANT RESERVES IN INDIA



Latest elephant reserve (33rd) - Terai Elephant Reserve (Uttar Pradesh)

