

6.8 NATURE RESERVES

- A nature reserve is a protected area of importance for wildlife, flora, fauna or features of geological or other special interest, which is reserved and managed for conservation and to provide special opportunities for study or research.
- Nature reserves may be designated by government institutions in India.
- Nature reserves fall into different IUCN categories depending on the level of protection afforded by local laws.
- Nature reserve, area set aside for the purpose of preserving certain animals, plants, or both.
- It differs from a national park usually in being smaller and having as its sole purpose the protection of nature.
- Endangered species are often kept in reserves, away from the hunters who brought them close to extinction.
- In the US, numerous wildlife refuges have served this purpose, especially with respect to birds.
- They are also numerous in Europe, India, Indonesia, and some African countries.
- The origin of modern nature reserves lies in medieval times, when landowners established game preserves for the protection of animals that they hunted.
- The idea of protecting animals simply to keep them from dying out.