

Recommendation

Palamau Tiger Reserve is the only tiger reserve of Jharkhand state and one among the first nine tiger reserves declared under project tiger. The number of tigers has gone down precariously due to various reasons in Palamau Tiger Reserve, non-availability of any large inviolate area being the most important one. Resettling the villages from Palamau Tiger Reserve will make available 300 Ha of area free from human disturbance. Hence, the project is of prime importance for Forest Department of Jharkhand.

The proposed site is situated along SH-09 Bhusar to Mahuadanr. Proposed site falls under Open Forest category. Major tree species found are Palash (*Butea monosperma*), Khair (*Acacia catechu*), Chakundi (*Cassia siamea*), Chilbil (*Holoptelia integrifolia*), Babul (*Acacia nilotica*). Canopy density falls in the range of 0.2-0.3.

Proposed area has presence of commonly found wildlife such as Indian fox (*Vulpes bengalenis*), Golden Jackal (*Canis aureus*), Jungle Cat (*Felis chaus*) etc. It may not have any rare or endangered wildlife.

Terrain of proposed area is suitable for settlement of village. It is having good connectivity with district headquarter. No protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.

Hence, in the interest of Palamu Tiger Reserve, wildlife conservation goals of Jharkhand Government, the proposal is **recommended**.

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