

Conservation Value of Tiger Corridor area


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The Tiger Corridor extends over an area of 4644.50 Sq. Km from Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve to Seshachalam hill of S. V. National Park connecting six (6) divisions i.e. Nandyal (WL), Proddatur (WL) Kadapa, Rajampeta, Chittoor East (WL) and Tirupathi Divisions. This area is viable for establishing the Tiger source population. There is substantial presence of wildlife in the corridor area. The endangered Jerdon's Double Banded Courser habitat which is declared as Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary also exists in this tract of corridor. This segment of corridor supports and connects the two wildlife habitat areas with rich Bio-diversity. The movement of Tiger is also noticed in the adjoining areas of the proposed diversion.

Apart from above, the **Red Sanders (Pterocarpus santalinus)** is an endemic species of Rayalaseema Region (Kadapa, Chittoor and part of Nellore, Prakasam and Kurnool Districts). Most of the Tiger Corridor area falling in Kadapa Division is covered by Red Sander species, which is highly valued for its characteristic wavy grains and other commercial values (Export values). Due to these reasons Red Sanders is subjected to smuggling. This factor is responsible for degradation of the Red Sander bearing areas. Hence the need of treatment of these forests is felt to improve the regeneration and productivity of natural occurring Red Sanders.

Hence the Geological, Biological, Cultural, Religious and Scenic beauties of Forests of Kadapa Division including Lankamalla forest are to be conserved and protected forever for the mankind and nature. This area is having Global unique value.


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