

Brief History

Sohelwa Wildlife Division was established in 1988 vide Govt. order No. 5299/14-3-74-83, dated 14-11-1988. It was renamed as Suheldev Wildlife Sanctuary vide Govt. order no. 1470/14-4-2002-824/2002 dated 08-07-2002. It Constitutes of East Sohelwa & West Sohelwa range of erstwhile Bahraich forest division, and Tulsipur, Barhawa and Bankatwa range of erstwhile North Gonda forest division, spanning over 452.64 sq km in Shrawasti and Balrampur District. Two ranges namely Rampur and Bhabhar constitutes its Buffer area and lie east of the Sanctuary.

Geographically, the area lies between $27^{\circ}30'1''N$ to $27^{\circ}55'42''N$ and $81^{\circ}55'36''E$ to $82^{\circ}48'33''E$.

The rights have been settled prior to the notification of the Sanctuary. It includes old reserves of Sohelwa and Tulsipur and the vested forest. The old reserve of Sohelwa was declared as reserve forest in 1879. Similarly the old reserve of Tulsipur was also declared as reserve forest in 1879. As regards, the vested forest, these areas were vested in State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh from Maharaja Balrampur in July 1952 after the Zamindari abolition. The vested forests are also free from all rights and concessions.

The Sanctuary is managed as per the prescriptions of approved Management Plan. The first Management Plan was from 2000-2001 to 2009-2010. The present Management Plan is from 2011-12 to 2020-21.

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