



OFFICE OF THE DEPTUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
BALLARI DIVISION, BALLARI

Conservation Value of the Protected Area

[For Sl.No.ii of Part-III]

Otter Conservation Reserve along Tungabhadra River bed starting from Hale Mudlapura village near Tungabhadra Dam in Koppal Taluk and District till the bridge on Tungabhadra River near Kampli in Hospet Taluk, Ballari District. The Tungabhadra Otter Conservation Reserve was declared through a Notification No.FEE-66-FWL-2015 Bengaluru Dt. 28-04-2015.

Tungabhadra Otter Conservation Reserve spread over 34 kilometers length along the Tungabhadra Reiver bed starting from Hale Mudlapura village near Tungabhadra Dam in Koppal Taluk, Koppal District and extend up to the bridge on Tungabhadra River near Kampli in Hospet Taluk, Ballari District. Tungabhadra Otter Conservation Reserve is the first Otter Conservation Reserves in India, which support many, RET species like Smooth Coated Otter (*Lutrogale perspicillata*), Marsh Crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*), fresh water turtles Like Leithi's Soft Shell Turtle (*Nilssonina leithi*), Narrow headed Soft Shell Turtle (*Chitra Indica*), Indian Soft Shell turtle (*Lissemys punctata*) and Indian pond terrapin or Indian Black turtle (*Melanochelys trijuga*) and many fish species includes Deccan Masher (*Tor khurdee*), Tunga Garr, Ruhu, Catla, Tilipia etc., and migratory birds like Flamingo etc. Other terrestrial faunal species found in this Conservation Reserve includes, Leopard, Sloth Bear, Jackals, Jungle cat, small Indian Civet Cat, Monitor Lizard and Porcupine etc.


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