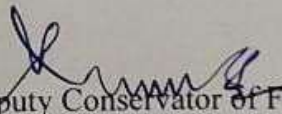


Conservation Value of Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary

The total area of Cauvery Wildlife Division is 1027.50 Sq.km. Comprising of Kothanur 139.19 Sq km Hanur 152.40 Sq km Cowdalli 199.66 Sq km Gopinatham 183.50 Sq km Halagur 106.25 Sq km Sangam 141.14 Sq km Mugguru 105.36 Sq.km Total 1027.50 Sq km. Areas in respective ranges.

The Cauvery Sanctuary forms catchment for rivers & rivulets like Cauvery, Arkavathi & Shimsha and thus is an important lifeline for the local people & also for the people of adjoining State of Tamil Nadu. It is also a vital link between the BRT & MM Hills in the South west side & Bannerghatta National Park in the North side. Thus, the sanctuary is critical for the movement of long ranging wild animals like Tiger, elephants, leopards etc., Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary is the only habitat within the State of Karnataka for Grizzle giant Squirrel and Honey badger (Ratel). Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary is the natural habitat for scheduled I animals like Tiger, Leopard, Wild dogs, Asian Elephants, Otters, Mahseer fish, Mugger Crocodile. It is an Important Birding Area (IBA) and home for more 280 species of birds. It has many types of forests including South Indian Thorn Scrub, South Indian Dry Deciduous, South Indian dry mixed deciduous, the South Indian Tropical Moist Deciduous, the Bamboo forests. After looking in to sensitivity of area it is required that without much disturbance of the area project implementation shall be done with no felling of trees or very minimum number of trees and also reducing any permanent construction.


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