

Forest areas in Goa to be developed as ecotourism destinations

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The Goa government's new focus is on developing eco-tourism in the state. The state's forest and forest parks will come under this development plan.

Goa has, in total, six wildlife sanctuaries – Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary, Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary, Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary, Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary, Molem Wildlife Sanctuary and Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary. The state has one national park – Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary and Mollem National Park.

Under this project, various wildlife parks will see improvements in the infrastructure and creation of safe camping areas and jungle trails for visitors.



New plans will be centred around giving a wholesome wildlife experience to the visitors to these parks, and that includes getting to see wild animals.

These forest areas are a part of Goan hinterlands. For those curious, hinterland is an area away from the coast or any big river or a heavily populated area. These are mostly thick forests that are rich in biodiversity. Various species of plants, animals and amphibians thrive in these heavily forested areas.

A large part of Goan hinterland falls under the Western Ghats, popular as a birding as well as herping destination.

1. When is it monsoon season in Goa?

Mid June to October is the monsoon season in Goa. Goa turns into a pretty green during monsoon. Goan hinterlands are an excellent place during monsoon if you are interested in herping, observing reptiles and amphibians.

2. How many wildlife parks are there in Goa?

There are six wildlife sanctuaries and one national park in Goa.

3. Is river rafting possible during monsoon season in Goa?

June to October is the best time to go rafting in Goa. Mhadei River is a river popular for rafting. The Mhadei River flows through Valpoi village.