

# World Wildlife Day

**Theme: "Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation"**

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Animals and plants have a huge contribution to our ecological system. They also contribute to the generic, scientific, social, economic, educational and human well-being of sustainable development.

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on December 20 2013, during its 68th session, decided to declare March 3, the day of adoption of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES), as World Wildlife Day.

World Wildlife Day 2023 acknowledges the significant contribution CITES has made to sustainability, wildlife and biodiversity conservation. This day has now become the most important global annual event dedicated to wildlife.

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KNOW?**

Lion, Leopard, Rhino, Elephant and African Cape Buffalo are referred as "Big Five", due to the difficulty in hunting.

## Theme

People rely on wildlife and biodiversity- based resources to meet all our needs from food, to fuel, medicines, housing and clothing. This year, the theme "*Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation*" is to celebrate all conservation efforts, from intergovernmental to local scale. Within this theme, it focuses on two main sub-topics:

- Marine life and oceans- with around 70% of our earth being covered with water, marine conservation is incredibly important.
- Business and finance- globally, conservation efforts need to be funded and this work needs to be done in collaboration with business. Successful partnerships for conservation must find ways of including business if we are to reverse the loss n biodiversity.

## Importance of wildlife

- 1. Economic:** Wildlife is vital in the light of economics. It is a massive source of earning. Products like medicines, fiber, timber, furniture etc, are made with the use of wild plants and trees. They add economic value to the world.
- 2. Agricultural:** Wildlife is the most important in the field of agriculture. Wildlife animals are used in plowing. They help in production and farming.
- 3. Ecological importance:** Ecological balance means balancing nature. So, wildlife is essential to maintain this environmental balance. If the ecosystem is disturbed, it will lead to many other issues.

## Wildlife in Nagaland

- ◆ About one-sixth of Nagaland is covered by tropical and sub-tropical evergreen forest.
- ◆ The state has one National Park and three Wildlife Sanctuaries.
- ◆ Nagaland has a rich birdlife with more than 490 species.
- ◆ Blyth's Tragopan, a vulnerable species of galliform, is the state bird of Nagaland and is sighted in Mount Japfu, Dzukou Valley, Satoi range in Zunheboto district and Pfutsero in Phek district.
- ◆ The state is also known as the "Falcon Capital of the World".
- ◆ Nagaland is a home to 396 species of orchids, belonging to 92 genera.

## Challenges and Threats to Wildlife Management in Nagaland

- Habitat fragmentation due to commercial logging or due to human settlement.
- Poaching for bush meat for commercial and personal.
- Shifting cultivation.

