

Focus on near Threatened Mammals and Least Concern - Expected Questions for 2017 (Download PDF)

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Expected Questions on Environment and Biodiversity Part 1

Near Threatened Mammals

Himalayan tahr

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- Himalayas.
- The major threats in China
- Hunted for meat.

Markhor

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- National animal of Pakistan.
- Mountains of central Asia.
- In India –some parts of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Status: From endangered to Near Threatened in 2015
- Hunting (both for meat and for its twisted horns)

Near Threatened

Falcated Duck

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- Latest addition to the checklist of 'Birds of Goa'
- Regular winter migrant to the northern States of India
- They breed in Russia and north China in summers
- Migrates towards north of India in winter

Eurasian Otter

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- Eurasian otter - (*Lutra lutra*)
- One of the rarest Indian mammals
- Satpura Tiger Reserve Madhya Pradesh and Kanha-Pench Corridor

Other Species of Otters:

- The smooth-coated otter (*Lutrogale perspicillata*)
- Asian small-clawed otter (*Aonyx cinerea*)

Least Concern

Nilgai

 Image of Nilgai (BlueBuck)

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- Also called as bluebuck
- Largest Asian antelope (family Bovidae)
- Indigenous to the Indian subcontinent
- Only one of the four Indian antelopes that is still abundant

Causes extensive damage to crops in gangetic plains

MoEFCC has asked state governments to send proposals to declare wild animals vermin for specified period in a given area

Nilgais, wild boars, wild dogs, chitals, sambars, langurs- damage crops (proposal to declare them vermin)

Vermin Animals

- Wild animals which are believed to be harmful

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- Vermin species can be hunted or culled without restriction

Any species can be declared vermin except:

- Species which are listed in Schedule I of Wildlife Protection Act 1972
- Species which are listed in Part II of Schedule II of WPA 1972

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