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Smooth-Coated Otter Sighted for First Time in Krishna Sanctuary- Important (Download PDF)

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Smooth-coated otter (*Lutrogale perspicillata*) was sighted for the first time in the mangrove forest near the Krishna wildlife sanctuary (KWS) in Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh. The presence of otter is a key indicator to the increase of the mangrove cover in KWS.

 Image of Smooth-Coated Otter

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- 7 otters were sighted in the mangrove forests and brackish water channels of Eelachetladibba and Lankevennedibba and other areas outside the Krishna wildlife sanctuary.

About Smooth- Coated Otter

- Smooth-coated is known as *Lutrogale perspicillata* is the only surviving representative of the genus *Lutrogale*.
- Carnivorous mammal.
- Hair is smoother and shorter than that of other species.
- Present throughout South Asia and South East Asia.
- Male is polygamous mating with up to the four females
- Otters are social and hunt in groups.
- Otter lives in lakes, rivers, peat swamp forests, mangroves and estuaries near a source of fresh water.
- **In International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red data book Otter has been categorised 'vulnerable'.**

Map:

Krishna sanctuary, Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh

 Location of Krishna wildlife sanctuary

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