



meat, Loss of wetland habitat and Illicit mining and logging have fragmented reserves and left endangered animals marooned in "forest islands".

- **Pair 3 is correct:** The Ganges River dolphin is the national aquatic animal of India. Conservation Status in IUCN Red List is **endangered** and **Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act (1972): Schedule I, CITES: Appendix I**, the species, whose global population is estimated at 4,000, is mostly found in the Indian subcontinent. It is found throughout the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna and Karnaphuli-Sangu river systems of Nepal, India and Bangladesh.
- **Pair 4 is incorrect:** The **Asian Houbara bustard** is also known as MacQueen's bustard. It is a large terrestrial bird found in parts of Asia, the Middle East and Africa. The species lives in **Arid Climate**. The population of the Asian Houbara bustards extends from northeast Asia, across central Asia, the Middle East, and the Arabian Peninsula to reach the Sinai desert (Egypt). It's Conservation Status in **IUCN Red list is Vulnerable**, CITES: Appendix I and Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)- Appendix II. Major threats are **Poaching** for meat as it is believed to be an **aphrodisiac** and degrading of habitat.

Q.54) Ans: D

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**Kanha National Park:**

- **Kanha National Park** is located in the Mandla and Balaghat districts of Madhya Pradesh. It is the **largest national park in Madhya Pradesh** with 940 sq. km under it.
- Kanha National Park is a **national park and a Tiger Reserve**. The present-day Kanha area was divided into two sanctuaries, Hallon and Banjar.
- Kanha National Park was created in 1955 and in 1973 was made the Kanha Tiger Reserve. The State animal of Madhya Pradesh - **Hard Ground**

**Barasingha** (Swamp deer or Rucervus duvaucelii) is found exclusively in Kanha Tiger Reserve. Other Species found include Tiger, Leopard, Dhole, Bear, Gaur and Indian Python etc.

- **It is best known for its evergreen Sal forests (Shorea Robusta).** It is the first tiger reserve in India to officially introduce a mascot, "**Bhoorsingh the Barasingha**". The forest of the Kanha Tiger Reserve was originally inhabited by two indigenous tribes of **Central India, the Gonds and the Baigas**. The vicinity of the reserve is still occupied with the villagers of these tribes.
- Other Tiger Reserves in Madhya Pradesh;
  - Sanjay-Dubri.
  - Panna.
  - Satpura.
  - Bandhavgarh.
  - Pench.

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### Barasingha:

- Subspecies - There are three subspecies of **swamp deer found in the Indian Subcontinent**. The western swamp deer (Rucervus duvaucelii) **found in Nepal, Southern swamp deer/Hard Ground Barasingha (Rucervus duvaucelii branderi) found in central and north India and**
- Eastern swamp deer (Rucervus duvaucelii ranjitsinhi) found in Kaziranga (Assam) and Dudhwa National Parks (Uttar Pradesh).
- Protection Status of Swamp Deer-
  - IUCN Red List: **Vulnerable**.
  - CITES: Appendix I.
  - Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Schedule I.

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