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News: Assam's Manas Tiger Reserve 63% short of sanctioned staff, Environment Minister told.

- While the All India Tiger Estimation 2022 published in July has indicated that western Assam's Manas National Park and Tiger Reserve is moving from a low to high tiger density area, the bad news for the national park, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site along with the more popular Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, is that it is almost 63% short of staff.

Manas National Park

- Manas National Park is simultaneously a **National Park, UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site, Project Tiger Reserve, Elephant Reserve, a Biosphere Reserve and an Important Bird Area** in Assam.
- It is contiguous with Royal Manas National Park in Bhutan.
- **Together with Royal Manas Park in Bhutan, Manas National Park constitutes the TraMCA which was awarded the Tx2 conservation award.**
- The name comes from **River Manas, a major tributary of Brahmaputra River.**
- The National Park is famous for **Assam roofed turtle, Golden Langur, Hispid Hare, Pygmy Hog and Wild Water Buffalo.**

- Recently, a Himalayan Serow was also seen there.
- In June 2020, 8 Critically Endangered Pygmy Hogs were reintroduced in the National Park.
- Recently, Manas was **accredited with Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards (CA|TS) for its excellence in Tiger conservation.**