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News: Clouded Leopard

- Two scientists from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) have found that the clouded leopard in western Assam's Manas National Park and Tiger Reserve seems to play a mysterious game of hide and seek in the tropical canopy forests.

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- Clouded Leopard is **named after cloud shaped pattern on its skin.**
- It is listed as **Vulnerable** on the IUCN Red List.
- It is the **State animal of Meghalaya.**
- It has been added to **India's Recovery Programme for Critically Endangered Species** to aid more research and strengthen conservation efforts.
- Clouded Leopard prefers **grassland, shrubs, subtropical and dense tropical forest up to a height of 7,000 feet** occurring from the Himalayan foothills through **mainland Southeast Asia into China.**
- In India, it occurs in **Sikkim, northern West Bengal, Meghalaya subtropical forests, Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur, Assam, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh.**
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