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Q17

**Comment on the National Wetland Conservation Programme initiated by the Government of India and name a few India's wetlands of international importance included in the Ramsar Sites.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · GS III · 15 marks · Environment and Conservation

Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.

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**NWCP**

National Wetland Conservation Programme, launched 1985-86 for wetlands of national importance.

**NPCA**

National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems, 2013 merger of NWCP and the National Lake Conservation Plan.

**Wetlands Rules 2017**

Prohibit specified harmful activities in notified wetlands; State wetland authorities implement.

**Ramsar count**

About 75 Indian sites by Independence-year 2022 announcements; the list continued to grow after 2023.

**Chilika**

Asia's large brackish lagoon in Odisha; an early and flagship Indian Ramsar site.

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