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**Recently there was a proposal to translocate some of the lions from their habitat in Gujarat to which one of the following sites? (a) Corbett National Park (b) Kuno Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary (c) Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary (d) Sariska National Park Official key: B.**

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**Explanation**

**(a)**

Corbett in Uttarakhand is a tiger landscape in the Shivaliks. It was not the approved second home for Gir lions. This option is not the key.

**(b) Official key**

Kuno-Palpur (Kuno) Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh was prepared as the translocation site for Asiatic lions from Gir, Gujarat, under a Supreme Court-backed reintroduction plan. That is why (b) is the official key.

**(c)**

Mudumalai in the Nilgiris is a tiger-elephant landscape, not the lion second-home site. This option is therefore wrong.

**(d)**

Sariska in Rajasthan is known for tiger reintroduction from Ranthambhore, not for Gir lions. This option is not the key.

**Summary**

Official key is (b) Kuno Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary. Asiatic lions survive as a single wild population in Gir, so a second site was ordered to cut extinction risk. Madhya Pradesh's Kuno was scientifically assessed and legally designated for that shift. Corbett, Mudumalai and Sariska are tiger (or tiger-elephant) parks, not the lion project. Gujarat long resisted the move; the site name remains Kuno.

**Related possible facts**

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**Gir NP / Girnar**

Only wild home of *Panthera leo persica* before Kuno

**SC 2013**

Directed translocation of lions from Gujarat to Kuno

**Kuno National Park**

Upgraded from WLS; later received African cheetahs in a separate project

**Asiatic lion IUCN**

Endangered; concentrated population risk

**Sariska tigers**

Reintroduced after local extinction - a different species story

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