

## Blue Duke

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Recently, Sikkim Chief on the occasion of World Environment Day on Sunday declared Blue Duke the state butterfly.



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#### About Blue Duke:

- Blue Duke is a **native butterfly species of Sikkim**.
- It is also called **Bassarona durga**.
- It was first discovered in the State in 1858.
- It **represents Sikkim with its two unique colours**:
  - Blue representing sky.
  - White depicting snow clad mountains of the Himalayas.
- It is found at an altitude below 1,500 metres in the Himalayas and in various districts of West Sikkim.
- It falls in the **Schedule 2 of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972**.