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The **Tamil Nadu government** has recently declared **80,114.80 hectares** of reserve forests in **Bargur Hills** as the **Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary**.



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About the Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary:

- It is the **18th wildlife sanctuary** in the state, located in the **Eastern Ghats** region.
- This sanctuary serves as a part of the **corridor** that links the **Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR)**, **Male Mahadeshwara Hills Tiger Reserve**, and **Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary**.
- It bridges the **Karnataka's Kollegal forests** with **Tamil Nadu's Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve** and **Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary**.
- It is positioned where the **Eastern Ghats** merge with the **Western Ghats** at the **Nilgiris**.
- It is identified by the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** as one of the tiger corridors and is also incorporated within the **Nilgiris Elephant Reserve**.
- It is drained by the **Palar River**, that contributes to the **Cauvery River** ecosystem.
- It is home to a diverse range of species, including more than **21** species of **mammals**, **136** species of **birds**, and **118** species of **butterflies**.
- Notable fauna within the sanctuary includes **tigers**, **Indian gaur**, **elephants**, **leopards**, **wild boars**, and **deer**.