

One-Horned Rhinoceros in Assam

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Why in News?

Recently, Assam Chief Minister announced that the state is home to 3,260 one-horned rhinoceroses, accounting for ~80% of the global population.



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	Scientific name	<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>
	Common names	Indian Rhinoceros / Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros
	Family	<i>Rhinocerotidae</i>
	Habitat	Grasslands, floodplains, wetlands and riverine forests
	Distribution	Primarily India and Nepal
	Conservation status	Vulnerable – IUCN Red List
	CITES	Appendix I
	Indian Wildlife Protection Act	Schedule I



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Key Statistics for Assam

- Assam is home to approximately 3,260 rhinoceroses.
- The global rhinoceros population is estimated at approximately 4,075, as cited in the report.
- Consequently, Assam accounts for approximately **80 percent of the global rhinoceros population.**
- Kaziranga National Park contains more than 2,600 rhinoceroses.
- Manas National Park supports an estimated 40 to 50 rhinoceroses.
- In 2025, there were zero reported cases of rhinoceros poaching in Assam.
- Reportedly, this marks **only the second instance** since the 1970s in which Assam recorded zero rhinoceros poaching cases within a single year.

State of the Rhino Report 2026 by **International Rhino Foundation (IRF)** confirms **zero rhino poaching in 2025** across **India, Nepal, Indonesia**.



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Geographical Distribution in India



The primary populations in India are located in the states of **Assam, West Bengal, and Uttar Pradesh**.



Key Habitats in Assam



Kaziranga National Park

Supports the **largest population** of Indian Rhinoceros.



Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary



Orang National Park



Manas National Park



Other protected areas are also involved in rhinoceros conservation and translocation efforts.

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