

## **Gandhamardan Hills**

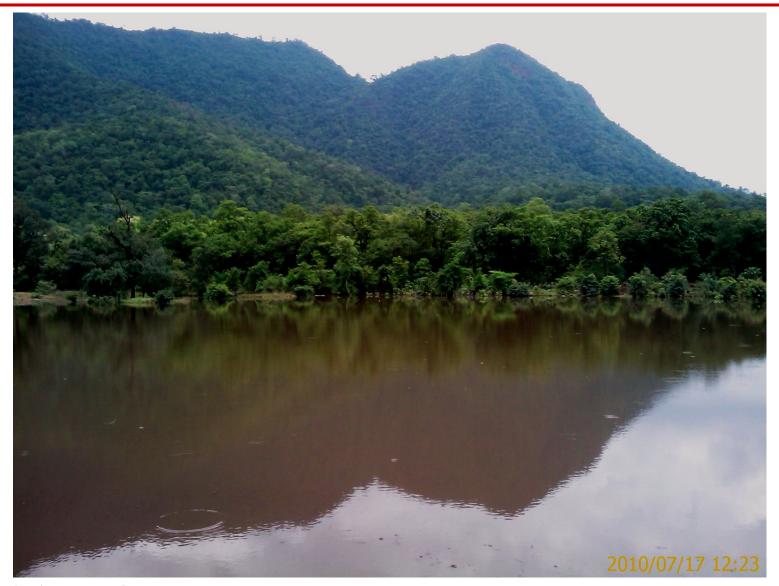
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The Gandhamardan Hill Range was declared Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) by the Odisha government.

• Gandhamardan has become the 37th biodiversity heritage site in India.



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## **About Gandhamardan Hills:**

- The hill is located between the Balangir and Bargarh districts of Odisha, India.
- It is well known for medicinal plants.
- The hills have historical monuments such as the **Nrusinghanath temple** located on the northern slope and **Harishankar temple** on the southern side.
- Hiuen Tsang described the hill shrine as a Buddhist heritage site named **Parimalagiri** in his chronicles.
- Dasycarpa and one spider peucetia harishankarensis are endemic to this hill.