

## Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary

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Assam Environment and Forest Department has informed the **National Green Tribunal** of schools functioning indulging in non-forest activities inside the **Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary** in violation of the **Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980**.



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### **About Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary:**

- It is a protected area located in the state of **Assam**.
- It is located along the foothills of the **Great Himalayan Range**.
- It was declared as a sanctuary in **1998**.
- It is an **Important Bird Area** recognized by **Birdlife International**.
- **Four rivers flow through the sanctuary:** Gabharu, Gelgeli, Sonai and Rupai.
- It forms **Sonitpur Kameng Elephant Reserve** with Nameri National Park.
- **Flora:**
  - **Mammals:** Tiger, lesser cats, elephant, gaur, wild boar, pygmy hog, swamp deer and barking deer.
  - **Birds:** White-winged wood duck, hornbill, pelican, and various migratory birds.
  - **Reptiles:** python, Russell's viper.
- **Fauna:** Tropical evergreen, semi-evergreen and moist deciduous forests.