

WORLDWIDE SAVE LOKTAK LAKE CAMPAIGN

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LIFELINE OF MANIPUR IS AT RISK

CAUSE for CONCERN: Need for an Urgency

1. Loss of vegetal cover in the catchment area
2. Deforestation and shifting cultivation in the catchment areas causing accelerated soil erosion resulting in the lake's shrinkage due to siltation. The annual silt flow into the lake is estimated to be 336,325 tons
3. Interference in navigation and overall aesthetic value of the Lake are other reported adverse effects.
4. The thickness of *phumdis* has decreased in the Keibul Lamjao National Park thereby threatening the survival of Sangai deer
5. The population of a number of economic plants and the major food plants has decreased resulting in starvation conditions for the endangered Sangai.
6. Plants have also degraded due to water pollution.
7. Avifauna and Aquatic lives are in danger due to pollution, poaching and habitat destruction.
8. Livelihood of people

Today, Loktak Lake is at the highest level of eutrophication and Sangai – the dancing deer of Manipur which is found only in Keibul Lamjao National Park is at the verge of extinction.

IT'S TIME TO ACT!!

Support the campaign and help in conserving this natural heritage.

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About Loktak Lake

Loktak Lake is the largest fresh water lake in Northeast India. Considering the ecological status and its biodiversity values, the lake was designated as a 'wetland of international importance' under the Ramsar Convention on March 23, 1990. Keibul Lamjao, the only floating national park in the world is situated at the south west part of the lake. It is home to the endangered Manipur brow antlered deer 'Sangai' - *Cervus eldi eldi* and many plant species. Due to the presence of significant numbers of globally threatened species, or other species of global conservation concern, Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) has identified Loktak Lake and Keibul Lamjao National Park as an Important Bird Area (IBA).

How to reach Loktak Lake:-

Loktak Lake is just 39 km from Imphal, the capital city of Manipur. One can reach Imphal by road and air. The Lake is a unique destination for tourism. The lake offers excellent opportunities for nature lovers to enjoy the beauty of the lake, migratory birds and its several islands located inside it that are studded with floating *phumdis* of different geometrical shapes. The important islands which offer facilities for visitors are the Sandra and Phubala.

Support the Campaign

Biggest campaign spread across the globe in 18 Indian cities and 2 international cities for the conservation of a wetland.

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