



- **Type:** Reservoir in upper catchments of River Mahanadi
- **Ecological Features:** Extensive open water with shallow, nutrient-rich backwaters
- **Biodiversity Highlights:**
- Birds: **Bar-headed Goose, Egyptian Vulture, River Tern, Greater Spotted Eagle**
- **Threats:** Siltation, **invasive alien species**, intensive agriculture in surrounding landscape

About Ramsar Convention and List

- **Genesis:** Adopted in **Ramsar, Iran, 1971**
- **Objective:** Promote **conservation and wise use of wetlands** worldwide
- **Membership:** Nearly **90% of UN member states**, including India, are **Contracting Parties**
- **Significance of Listing:**
- Recognized internationally as **wetlands of significant ecological, cultural, or hydrological value**
- Wetlands receive **special protection at the national level**
- **Criteria for Designation:** Wetlands must meet at least **one of nine criteria**, such as:
 - Support **rare, vulnerable, or endangered species**
 - Important for **biodiversity, waterbirds, fish, or hydrology**
 - Represent **unique wetland types or ecological functions**