



Experts join hands for Ramsar site tag for wetlands in Assam sanctuary

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Conservationists, wildlife officials, academics, and students have got together to push for the Ramsar site tag for two interconnected wetlands in central Assam's Nagaon district. The **Rowmari-Donduwa** wetland complex is within the 70.13 sq. km Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary, which is a part of the **Kaziranga Tiger Reserve**. This complex has been recording more birds than the other two Ramsar sites in the northeast – Assam's Deepor Beel and Manipur's Loktak Lake.

About Ramsar Convention:

Ramsar Convention on Wetlands was adopted in the Iranian city of Ramsar in 1971 and came into force in 1975.

Almost 90% of UN member states have acceded to become "Contracting Parties".

India became a party to the Ramsar Convention on February 1, 1982.

India has the highest number of Ramsar sites in Asia with a total of 93 Ramsar Sites.

To be designated a "wetland of international importance," a wetland must meet at least one of nine criteria established by the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.