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Hilsa fish

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Why is in news? Hilsa fishing banned during breeding season in Bangladesh

In Bangladesh, catching hilsa fish will be banned for 22 days from October 12 to November 2 as it is the main breeding season of this year.

During the period of ban, procurement, marketing, buying, selling, transportation, stocking and exchange of hilsa will be prohibited across Bangladesh.

Hilsa is the **National fish of Bangladesh** and one of the **geographical indication (GI) products** in the country.

IUCN status: Least Concerned

The Hilsa is a species of fish related to the herring, in the family Clupeidae.

It is a very popular and sought-after food fish in the Indian Subcontinent.

It is the **state symbol** in the Indian states of **West Bengal and Tripura**.

The fish contributes about 12% of the total fish production and about 1.15% of GDP in Bangladesh.

Hilsa has a **history of migrating to Allahabad in the Ganga river system** from Bangladesh.

Though it's a **saltwater fish**, it migrates to sweet waters of the Ganges from the Bay of Bengal.

It travels upstream of the river during the mating seasons and returns to its natural abode after spawning.

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