

Greater Hog Badgers Spotted in Kaziranga National Park

A new assessment in Assam's Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve reported at least 55 greater hog badgers, based on camera trap images.

The greater hog badger (*Arctonyx collaris*) is an elusive, nocturnal mesocarnivore found in pristine ecosystems, serving as an indicator of ecosystem health.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- At least **55 greater hog badgers** were reported in **Assam's Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve**.
- Researchers analyzed thousands of **camera trap images** from the **All India Tiger Estimation 2026** exercise.
- This assessment provides the **first scientific baseline** for the **species** in the park.
- The species occupies nearly **half** of the **1,100 square kilometres surveyed area** within the park.
- The assessment was conducted by **Kaziranga Tiger Cell** in collaboration with the **Wildlife Conservation Trust (WCT)** and **The Fishing Cat Project**.
- **Greater hog badgers** are considered indicators of **ecosystem health** due to their presence in **pristine ecosystems**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Kaziranga National Park is located in the state of **Assam, India**.

Kaziranga National Park was declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in **1985**.

It is renowned for its population of the **one-horned rhinoceros** (*Rhinoceros unicornis*).

Kaziranga was declared a **Tiger Reserve** in **2007**.

The **All India Tiger Estimation** is conducted every **four years** by the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** and the **Wildlife Institute of India (WII)**.

The **greater hog badger** (*Arctonyx collaris*) is listed under **Schedule II** of the **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972**.

Globally, the **greater hog badger** is classified as "**Least Concern**" by the **IUCN Red List**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Kaziranga National Park, Assam, reported 55 greater hog badgers from the All India Tiger Estimation 2026.

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