

PROTECTED BUFFER AROUND RADHANAGARI WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

- 351.16 sqkm – Area of Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary in the Kolhapur district.
- 250.6 sqkm - The eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) area that spreads across 200m to 6.01km around the sanctuary.
- 230.6 sqkm - Originally proposed area in the draft notification from 2019.
- 20 sqkm - accounts for a 9% increase in the final protected area.

ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED IN THE ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE

Commercial mining, stone quarrying and crushing units, setting up of industries causing pollution (water, air, soil, noise), establishment of major hydro-electric projects, use or production or processing of any hazardous substances, discharge of untreated effluents in natural water bodies or land area, setting up of sawmills, brick kilns, and new wood-based industries

ACTIVITIES REGULATED IN THE ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE

Commercial establishments of hotels and resorts and new construction activities (not permitted within one kilometre of protected area or up to the extent of ESZ, whichever is near), small-scale non-polluting industries, felling of trees (until permission is acquired from state bodies), protection of hill slopes and river banks, infrastructure including civic amenities, movement of vehicular traffic at night, etc.

ACTIVITIES PROMOTED IN THE ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE

Rainwater harvesting, organic farming, adoption of green technology, cottage industries, renewable energy and fuels, eco-friendly transport, plantation and horticulture, etc.