



## Indus River Dolphin

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- The **census of one of the world's most threatened cetaceans, the Indus river dolphin (*Platanista gangetica minor*) is to commence as part of a project by the Centre.** This is a freshwater dolphin that is found in river Beas.
- The **Indus river dolphin is classified as endangered by the IUCN.** Punjab's wildlife preservation wing has gone a step further is not only protect the dolphins but also their natural habitat. Until recently, it was believed that these dolphins were endemic to Pakistan.
- But in 2007, a remnant but viable population of Indus dolphins was discovered in Punjab's Harike wildlife sanctuary and in the lower Beas river.
- **The Indus river dolphin was declared the State aquatic animal of Punjab in 2019.** Extension programmes will be held in Punjab to develop a group of dedicated individuals, called 'Beas-Dolphin Mitras' [friends and protectors] of the river Beas.

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## ऑफलाइन बैच

📅 कक्षा आरंभ : 9 दिसंबर 2021

🕒 समय : 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

## ऑनलाइन लाइव कोर्स

📅 कक्षा आरंभ : 15 नवंबर 2021

🕒 समय : 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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