

ROYAL BARDIA NATIONAL PARK

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Royal Bardia National Park Thakurdwara, Bardia

Establishment:

- B.S. 2026 (1969) - Royal Hunting Protected Forest
B.S. 2031 (1976) - Royal Kamali Wildlife Reserve announced (348 sq. km)
B.S. 2038 (1982) - Royal Bardia Wildlife Reserve (naming)
B.S. 2036 (1969) - Royal Hunting Protected Forest
B.S. 2040 (1984) - Extension of Babai valley and East Chisapani (968 sq. km)
B.S. 2045 (1988) - Royal Bardia National Park

Maximum Height from sea level	- 1441 meter (Sukarmala)
Minimum Height from sea level	- 152 meter (Manau Ghat area)
Length of the park	- around 70 km
Breadth of the park	- around 10 to 20 km
Highway going through the park is about	- 20 km
Forest Roads inside the park	- 185 km

Importance of this park:

- 70% of the forest area is covered by Sal forest, others are river banks, grasslands, *Khair/Sissoo* forest, mixed forest and open *phantas* for different wildlife habitat
- 38 species of mammals, 25 species of reptiles, 60 species of fish and around 400 species of birds
- Magnificent view of Babai Valley
- Successfully translocated rhino area
- Gharial Protection Area
- Involved in blackbuck protection
- Buffer zone declaration with 83 user committees in 17 VDCs
- Increasing number of wild elephant
- Protection of dolphins
- National park area used for highway, irrigation, electricity and contributed in national development
- Magnificent suspension bridge of Kamali River

Rhinoceros (Gaida)

10 Male and 28 female rhinos translocated from Chitwan	= + 38
Poacher killed 5 male and 4 female rhino	= - 9
Natural death of 2 male and one female	= - 3
Young born in Bardia 27 + 2	= + 29
Death of 8 young ones born in Bardia	= - 8
Total	= 47

Current status of translocated rhino

	Translocated			Poached			Natural Death			Remaining		
	M	F	Tot	M	F	Tot	M	F	Tot	M	F	Tot
Babai	5	20	25	3	2	5		1*	1	2	17	19
Karnali	5	8	13	2	2	4	2*		2	1	6	7
	10	28		5	4		2	1		3	23	26

* Injured by the Male and fighting

Information on the young born in Bardia

	New Born	Died	Total	Reasons
Babai	11	2	9	2 killed by tiger
Kamali	18	6	12	3 were killed by tiger, 2 were drowned and 1 body found dead
Total			21	

Currently 2 rhinos have been translocated in Guthi from Chitwan and from Sarlahi. Therefore, the total number now is 51

