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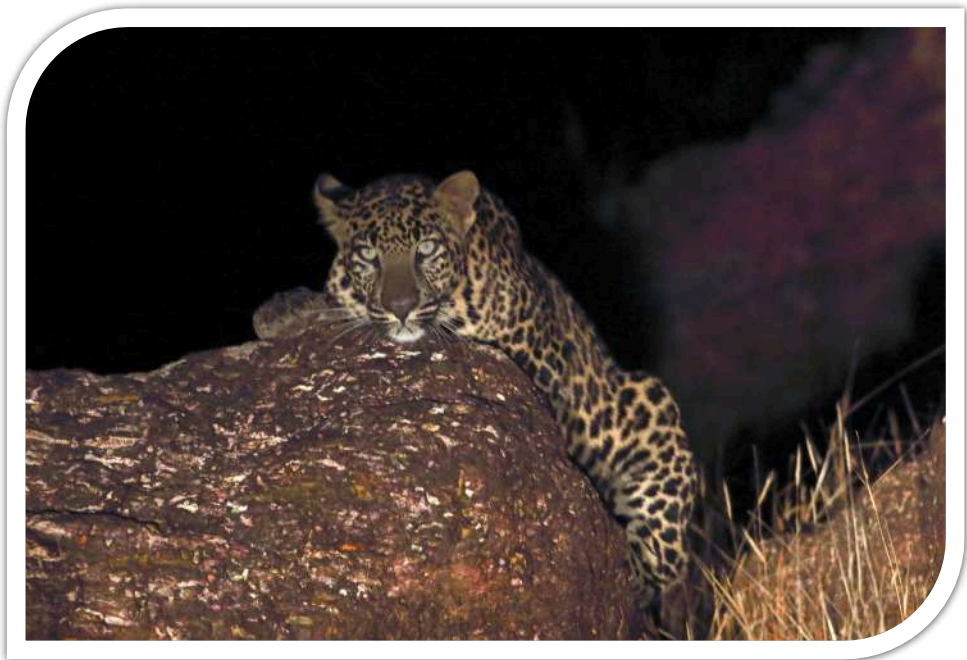


Verna Plateau: Fact Sheet

Location: About 2 kilometres from Verna Industrial Estate eastwards .

Habitat Description: Habitat is rocky grassland surrounded with forested slopes. The area is under severe threat from expansion of the industrial estate, increasing traffic volume and a new highway from Verna junction through Loutolim slopes towards Borim bridge without any mitigation measures to protect the rich wildlife.

Tips: The best time to visit the area is early mornings before 0800 hours and late evening after 2100 hours.



HOTSPOT MATRIX

RARE BIRDS	   
BIRDING	   
PHOTOGRAPHY	   
DISTANCE	  
COMFORT	   
CURRENT COUNT	206 bird species
OTHER WILDLIFE	  

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Star Species: The habitat throws up interesting sightings year after year giving the indication that it serves as an important stopover and a flyway junction for migrating birds. There are exotic sightings of Rock Eagle Owl, Short-eared Owl, European Roller, Amur Falcon, Common Cuckoo, Nilgiri Wood Pigeon, Great Hornbills, Rufous-tailed Larks, etc. Other mammals spotted are leopards, langurs, porcupines, jungle cat, black-naped hare and reptiles such as Whitakers Boa, Saw-scaled vipers etc.