

Table 3.1.1. INDIA'S MAJOR BIOGEOGRAPHIC ZONES

No.	Name	Biotic Province	Total Area (sq km)	%
1	Trans Himalaya		174225	
		Ladakh	98618	3.3
		Tibetan Plateau	75607	2.3
2	Himalaya		210385	
		North-Western	69033	2.1
		Western	52596	1.6
		Central	6575	0.2
		Eastern	82182	2.5
3	Desert		213672	
		Kachchh	36160	1.1
		Thar	177512	5.4
4	Semi-Arid		545686	
		Central India	121629	3.7
		Gujarat-Rajputana	424057	12.9
5	Western Ghats		131491	
		Malabar coast	65745	2
		Western Ghat Mountains	65745	2
6	Deccan Peninsula		1377363	
		Deccan South Plateau	341875	10.4
		Deccan Central Plateau	410908	12.5
		Eastern Plateau	207098	6.3
		Chhota Nagpur	177512	5.4
		Central Highlands	239970	7.3
7	Gangetic Plain		355024	
		Upper Gangetic	207098	6.3
		Lower Gangetic	147927	4.5
	Coasts		82182	
8		East Coast	62458	1.9
		West Coast	19724	0.6
9	North East		170938	
		Brahmaputra Valley	65745	2
		North-Eastern Hills	105192	3.2
10	Island		12971	
		Andaman Islands	6575	0.2
		Nicobar Islands	3287	0.1
		Lakshadweep Islands	3110	0.1
	Marine Influenced Area:		10440	0.3
Grand Total			3287263	

Source: Wildlife Institute of India (Rodgers et al. 2002)/Zoological Survey of India