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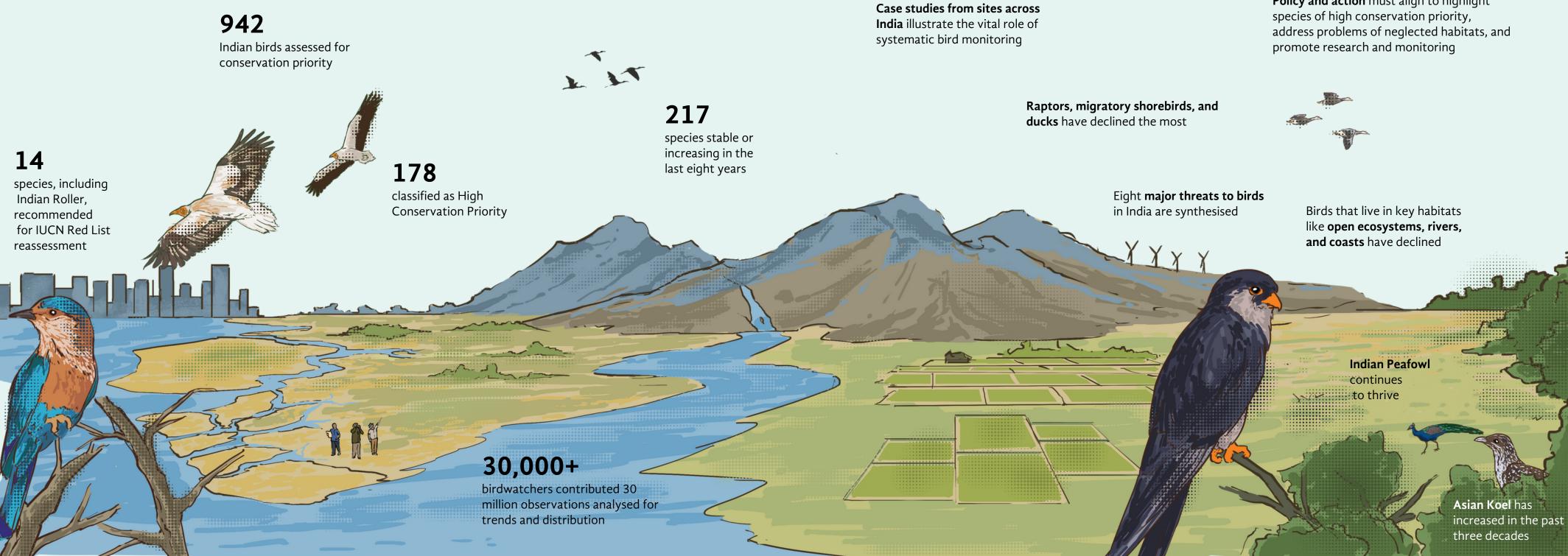


Birds and biodiversity in general are declining across the world. To address this, India has set ambitious goals of reversing this loss and restoring ecosystems, and working towards greater sustainability. As part of this, periodic assessments are needed of how biodiversity is faring in the country. The State of India's Birds 2020 report was the first attempt to assess the conservation status of the majority of India's bird species. It identified 101 species of High Conservation Concern, which require focussed efforts.

Three years later, this second edition of the report provides an update based on a much larger information base, enabling more species to be assessed. New sections emphasise the importance of systematic monitoring of birds, and review what is known about threats to birds in India.

To make the State of India's Birds 2023 report, 13 organisations have come together, including government institutions, universities, and NGOs. The main information base for the report is citizen science data generated and curated by a large number of birdwatchers from all walks of life. The report is thus rooted in public and collective participation, and in collaboration—vital if we are to conserve our precious birds and biodiversity.





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