

POINT CALIMERE WILDLIFE AND BIRD SANCTUARY

Wetland of International Importance

Location: Nagapattinam and Thiruvarur, Tamil Nadu

Ramsar Area: 385 sq. km

Source of water : Distributaries of Cauvery, Rainfall, Tidal inflow



Biodiversity and Habitat

- ▶ Largest Blackbuck population in Tamil Nadu
- ▶ One of the largest remnants of tropical dry evergreen forest in India
- ▶ Over 1,00,000 migratory waterbirds
- ▶ Nesting site for Olive Ridley turtle

Nearly
260
Species of
birds **70**
Species of
fish **300**
Species of
flowering
plants



Storm protection



Livelihood

- ▶ Muthupet mangroves support nearly 30,000 fishermen
- ▶ Nearly 40 sq. km under salt production



154 Species of medicinal plants



Ecotourism



Cultural Value

Sites of historical significance –
Ramar Padam,
Modimandapam,
Chola lighthouse,
Avulaiganni Dargah

● Wetland values and benefits

● Threats

— Ramsar Site Boundary



Reduced
freshwater inflow



Prosopis
invasion



Expansion of and
effluents from shrimp farms



Cattle
grazing



Siltation of lagoon
and creeks



