



## Sea Cucumber

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- In a swift operation, the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG) team at Mandapam, Tamil Nadu** seized two tonnes of sea cucumber. Working on a tip-off about illegal transshipment of sea cucumber, the ICG team swung into action and tracked the suspect boat involved in likely smuggling.
- It is a **banned marine species**. Sea cucumbers are in high demand in China and Southeast Asia. In India it is treated as an **endangered species listed under schedule I of Wildlife Protection Act of 1972**.
- It is **primarily smuggled from Tamil Nadu to Sri Lanka in fishing vessels from Ramanathapuram and Tuticorin districts**. ICG teams were deployed in Gulf of Mannar and Palk Bay areas to effectively cordon the likely escape by sea route.

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