

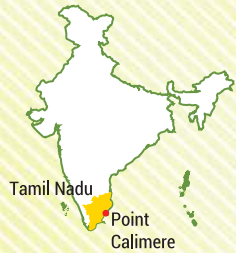
POINT CALIMERE WILDLIFE AND BIRD SANCTUARY

Wetland of International Importance

Location: Nagapattinam and Thiruvavarur, Tamil Nadu

Ramsar Area: 385 sq. km

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



Livelihood

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



154 Species of medicinal plants



Ecotourism



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



Reduced freshwater inflow



Prosopis invasion



Expansion of and effluents from shrimp farms



Cattle grazing



Siltation of lagoon and creeks



Cultural Value

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

● Wetland values and benefits

● Threats

--- Ramsar Site Boundary

