

**Sunderbans mangrove cover at risk - Today's Paper**

Remote sensing and GIS-enabled data offer definite proof for the first time that the mangrove forest cover in the Sunderbans has been depleting alarmingly. From 1986 to 2012, 124.418 sq. km., or about 5.5% of the mangrove cover, was lost. Variable degrees of erosion was observed in at least 18 islands.

The continuation of this process is a serious ecological threat, says a study by Jadavpur University.

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