

João Vieira and Poilão National Park

It is one of the most important **natural spaces** in Guinea-Bissau and one of the most prominent **protected areas** in **West Africa**.

Located on the **Atlantic coast**, within the Bijagós Archipelago, this **park** encompasses **several islands**.

It represents an **ecological gem** due to its **biological richness** and its role in the conservation of **marine species**.





Sea turtle sanctuary

Vital refuge

It is a crucial sanctuary for the **hawksbill turtle**, an endangered species.

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Nesting season

Hundreds of giant turtles arrive each **night** on the beaches.

Natural spectacle

The turtles emerge from the ocean, digging **nests in the sand** under the moonlight.

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Paradise for birdwatchers



Pelicans

Use the islands as resting points during their migrations.



Frigatebirds

Seabirds that find refuge in this pristine ecosystem.



Gulls

Part of the diverse birdlife that inhabits the national park.

Birdwatching enthusiasts can observe these species in their **natural habitat**.