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The Western Ghats region, according to the researchers, witnessed large-scale land cover changes during the past century due to unplanned developmental activities with industrialisation and globalisation.

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The researchers have mapped a 1.6 lakh sq km area of Western Ghats spanning six states – Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu – for the portal. (Express Photo)

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru on July 13 launched the Western Ghats Spatial Decision Support System (WGSDDSS), a web portal that will help the forest department and biodiversity management committees to manage Ghats.

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