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Forest and Wildlife (F) Department

NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 18/2011/F&WLD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 22nd March, 2011.

S. R. O. No. 267/2011.— In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 38 V of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), the Government of Kerala hereby declare the following areas of Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary which are peripheral and contiguous to the core or critical tiger habitat of Periyar Tiger Reserve notified as per G. O. (P) No. 75/07/Forest and Wild Life Department dated 31st December, 2007, published as S.R.O. No. 1089/2007 dated 31st December, 2007 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 2328 dated 31st December, 2007, as buffer area to Periyar Tiger Reserve in the interest of conservation of tiger.

PERIYAR TIGER RESERVE BUFFER AREA**SCHEDULE**

District	: Idukki, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta
Taluk	: Peerumade, Kanjirappalli, Ranni and Perunadu.
Block	: Azhutha, Kanjirappally and Ranni
Village	: Mlapara, Periyar, Kumily, Manchumala, Erumely South and Perunadu
Area	: 44 Km ² .

The Buffer area shall consist of the areas mentioned against serial number 1 to 4.

1. Tourism zone having leased out areas to Kerala Tourism Development Corporation, Kerala Labour Welfare Board and Tamilnadu PWD, Water Authority, Electricity Board, Kerala Water Authority, Kerala PWD, Labbakandam Tribal Settlement and areas under tourism activities' (10 Km²)

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

North: The boundary starts from Kurisumala (1188m MSL) located on the northern boundary of Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary and proceeds towards north east till it reaches a point near Brandipara Mala (1139m MSL).

East: Thence the boundary proceeds towards south east along the eucalyptus plantation road (the northern boundary of core of critical tiger habitat) till the road meets a stream at Kukkarakkandam (at 9° 36' 19.2" N and 77° 12' 1.1" E) and continues along the stream till the point where the stream merge with Periyar Lake (at the starting point of Kukkarathodu). Thence the boundary continues along the western boundary Kukkarathodu oli up to boat landing and continues along the eastern boundary of canal up to Thekkady check post and proceeds along the western boundary of canal up to boat landing (at 9° 34' 36.3" N and 78° 10' 37.4" E).

South: The boundary thence continue towards west along the northern boundary of core or critical tiger habitat and ends near Mullayar estate on the northern boundary of Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary (at 9° 35' 13.2" N and 77° 8' 52.9" E).

West: Thence the boundary proceeds towards north east along the northern boundary Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary and ends at the starting Point.

2. PERIYAR LAKE (16 KM²) BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

North: The boundary starts from a point where Machan oda stream joins with Periyar Lake (at 9° 34' 21.7" N and 77° 08' 23.02" E) and follows the northern boundary of Machan oda and continues along the Periyar Lake boundary Anchuruli oda, Edapalayam and ends at a point near boat landing (at 9° 34' 36.3" N and 78° 10' 37.4" E) on the northern boundary of the core or critical tiger habitat. Thence the boundary continues towards north along the northern boundary of core or critical tiger habitat and ends at a point where a stream that flows down from Kukkarakkandam joins the Eastern side of the Periyar Lake (9° 35' 24.7" N and 77° 11' 11.8" E).

East: Thence the boundary proceeds towards south along the eastern boundary of Periyar Lake via boat landing till the point where a small stream joins the Periyar Lake near Nellikampetty (9° 33' 41.40" N and 77° 11' 26.88" E) and continues upstream towards east and reaches the ridge and again joins a downstream till it reaches the Poovarasu oda in Periyar Lake. Thence the boundary continues along the boundary of Poovarasu oda and ends near Pachakad on the eastern boundary of Periyar Lake boundary (at 9° 31' 41.34" N and 77° 12' 30.38" E).

South: The boundary thence cut straight across the Periyar Lake towards southwest till it touches the point where the western boundary of Aruvi oda joins the Periyar Lake. Thence the boundary continues along the southern boundary of Periyar Lake till the dam site.

West: Thence the boundary continues towards west approximately 300m on either side of the downstream of Periyar River from the Mullaperiyar Dam and approximately with a length of 1.5 km (thus an area of approximately 100 ha is included in the buffer along the downstream of Periyar River on the western side of Mullaperiyar Dam). Thence the boundary follows the western boundary of Periyar Lake and ends at the starting point (thus the land areas such as Sevaloda, Nellikampetty, Manakkavala, Thozhugumoola, Sokampara, Udumbupara, Kavalapara Mala, Deer Island and Edappalayam are included the buffer zone).

3. BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS OF THE BUFFER ZONE TO SABARIMALA PILGRIMAGE AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND RELATED ESTABLISHMENTS (10 KM²)

The area includes,—

(i) Areas between Pamba and Sannidhanam including all leased areas and adjoining areas and the establishments of Kerala Forest Department (5 km²)

(ii) Uppupara region (2.4 km²)

(iii) Traditional trek routes and forest roads used for pilgrimage (2.6 km²) viz.,

(a) Azhutha cadavu-Pudussery-Karimala-Pamba

(b) Sathram-Uppupara-Sannidhanam

(c) Forest road from 4th mile to Uppupara

(d) Forest road from Vallakadavu to IC Tunnel Road Junction

(e) Approach forest road to Ponnambalamedu including the Makarajothi area

(f) Road from Kundrikapalam to Mangaladevi via Karadikavala including temple site

(g) Tribal pilgrim activity area at Inchiparakotta

(h) Thiruvabharanam route reaching Neelimala Top and Valiyanavattam pilgrim activity area.

(iv) Kunnar dam including the approaching trek route and a small check dam.

4. BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (8 KM²)

The area includes,—

(i) Demarcated settlements of Moozhikkal tribal settlement, Kuttikayam, Pamba Valley, Moolakkayam settlements and the establishments related to Sabarijalam.

(ii) Vanchrivayal tribal settlement including 3 bits of settlement.

- (iii) Approach forest road from Vallakadavu to Vanchivayal.
- (iv) Forest road between Vallakadavu and Mullaperiyar Dam site and
- (v) Office/residential/ecotourism establishments of KFD at Vallakadavu.

By order of the Governor,

SAJEN PETER,

*Principal Secretary to Government,
Forest and Wildlife Department.*

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

As per Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, for each Tiger Reserve it is mandatory to delineate core or critical tiger habitat and a buffer or peripheral area to the critical tiger habitat where a lesser degree of habitat protection is required to ensure the integrity of the critical tiger habitat with adequate dispersal for tiger. Government of Kerala as per G. O. (P) No. 75/07/F&WLD dated 31-12-2007 published as S.R.O. No. 1089/2007 have delineated 881 Sq. km. of forest area in the Peermade and Pathanamthitta Taluks of Idukki District and Pathanamthitta District as the core of Periyar Tiger Reserve. This consists of 733 Sq. km. area of the existing Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary and 148 Sq. km. area of Goodrickal Range of Ranni Division added to Periyar Tiger Reserve. Thus an area of 44 Sq. km. out of the 777 Sq. km. of Periyar Wild Sanctuary was kept out of the core of Periyar Tiger Reserve. To promote the co-existence between wildlife and human activity with due recognition of the livelihood, developmental, social and cultural rights of local people, the area of Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary kept out of the critical tiger habitat is now declared as buffer area to the critical tiger habitat. The roads between Pamba and Sannidanam and traditional trek routes within Periyar Tiger Reserve leading to Sabarimala are delineated as buffer only for permissive use during the Sabarimala pilgrimage season.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.