

Kottiyoor WLS

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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forest and Wildlife (F) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O. (P) No. 17/2011/F&WLD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 1st March, 2011

S.R.O. No. 231/2011 – WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala consider that the area, comprised in Kottiyoor reserved forest the situation and limits of which are specified in the Schedule below, is of adequate ecological, faunal, floral on geomorphological and natural significance for the purpose of protection, propagating or developing wildlife environment.

AND WHEREAS, it appears to the Government of Kerala that the said area is needed to be declared as a Sanctuary for ensuring long-term protection of the entire bio-diversity of the area, especially of long ranging animals and birds.

Now, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) (b) of section 26A of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) the Government of Kerala hereby declare that the said area scheduled below to be a Wildlife Sanctuary known as “Kottiyoor Wildlife Sanctuary” for the purpose of protecting, propagating and developing Wildlife and its habitat and to maintain continuity with existing Protected Areas.

SCHEDULE

District	:	Kannur
Taluk	:	Tellicherry
Name of the Forest	:	Kottiyoor Reserved Forests
Village	:	Kottiyoor
Extent of the area	:	30.3798 Sq. kms

(The Teak and Softwood Plantation of the year 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967 over an extent of 137.18 ha. in the Kottiyoor Reserve Forest excluded)

SITUATION AND LIMITS

- East : Starting from the Eastern most common point of Kottiyoor and Hill Dale Reserve Forest then towards South along the Eastern boundary of Kottiyoor Reserve Forest up to South-East corner of Kottiyoor Reserve Forest.
- South : Southern boundary of Kottiyoor Reserve Forest.
- West : Along the Western boundary of Kottiyoor Reserve Forest excluding Teak and Softwood Plantations up to the point where it meets Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary then along the Eastern boundary of Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary to the crest point at 1374 m elevation.
- North : Then along the Southern boundary of Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary eastward up to the point where it meets Hill Dale Reserve Forest then along common boundary of Kottiyoor Reserve Forest and Hill Dale Reserve Forest up to the starting point.

By order of the Governor,

SAJEN PETER,

Principal Secretary to Government,

Forest and Wildlife and Housing Department

Explanatory Note

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

Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary was constituted with vested forests of Odenthodumalavaram and part of Kottiyoor Reserve Forest. The ecological boundary of the habitat was not considered

while notifying the Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary vide G.O. (P) No. 300/84/AD dated 15th October, 1984. The management plan 2002-10 envisages protecting and declaring the adjoining areas contiguous to Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary as protected area. The proposal to declare 30.3798 Sq. kms. of forest area in Kottiyoor Reserve of Kannur Forest Division as a Wildlife Sanctuary was examined by the State Board for Wildlife at the fourth meeting held on 30th November, 2010. The State Board decided to recommend the proposal to Government with certain conditions. In order to obtain the consent people's representatives, local people, tribes and other stake holders, a meeting was held at Valayamchal on the 4th January, 2011 and it was agreed to constitute the area as a Sanctuary by name "Kottiyoor Wildlife Sanctuary" for protecting and maintaining the Semi Evergreen Forests and Grassland, Shola Ecosystem, to protect the rare, endangered and endemic flora and fauna in its natural habitat, to afford more habitat for long ranging animals like Elephant, Tiger, Gaur and birds like Hornbills and Vultures, to ensure the water security by maintaining the landscape and watersheds and to promote scientific study of flora and fauna. Government have examined the recommendations of the State Board for Wildlife and decided to declare the area extending to 30.3798 Sq. kms. of Kottiyoor Reserved Forest as Wildlife Sanctuary.