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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forests and Wildlife (F) Department

NOTIFICATION

G. O. (Ms.) No.50/2003/F&WLD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 10th October, 2003.

S. R. O. No. 971/2003.—WHEREAS the Government of Kerala consider that the area, the situation and limits of which are defined in the Schedule below is of great ecological, faunal, floral and geomorphological importance;

AND WHEREAS it appears to the Government of Kerala that the said area is needed to be constituted as a National Park for the purpose of protecting, propagating and developing the wildlife therein and its environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of section 35 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972), the Government of Kerala hereby declare their intention to constitute the said area as a National Park to be known as "Mathikettan Shola National Park".

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SCHEDULE

District : Idukki
Taluk : Udumbanchola
Village : Pooppara
Extent : 1281.7419 hectares



Situation and limits of the said area

North.—The boundary commences from the point where the interstate boundary between Kerala and Tamil Nadu meets the southern boundary of Survey No. 32 of Pooppara Village on the Resurvey Minor Circuit and runs west parallel to the Bodimettu-Pooppara road, along the southern boundary of Survey Nos. 17, 16, 13, 14, 8, 2 and thence turning south, along the eastern boundary of Block 13, and Survey Nos. 34, 35, 36, 37 and thence along the southern boundary of Survey Nos. 37 and 38 and turning north along the western boundary of Survey No. 38 to reach a point where northern most extremity of Survey No. 38 meets the Resurvey Minor Circuit.

West.—Thence the boundary turns south and follows the Resurvey Minor Circuit along the eastern boundary of Block No. 13 till it meets the stream and turning south-west along the stream to meet the northern boundary of Survey No. 65 and turns south along the eastern boundary of Survey No. 65 till it meets the boundary of Survey No. 64 on the line demarcating the area handed over after eviction.

South.—Thence the boundary turns east along the northern boundary of Survey No. 64, 63 and turns south along the eastern boundary of Survey No. 62, 80 and again turns east along the northern boundary of Survey No. 78, 71, 72, 73, 74, 174, 192, 193, 195, 197 and turns south along the eastern boundary of Survey No. 198, 199 and again turns northeast along the northern boundary of Survey No. 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212 to meet the interstate boundary.

East.—Thence the boundary runs north along the interstate boundary till it reaches the starting point.

By order of the Governor,

LIZZIE JACOB,

Principal Secretary to Government (Power),
in-charge of Forest and Wildlife Department.



Explanatory Note

(This is not a part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purpose.)

Mathikettan area is part of the Cardamom Hill Reserve (CHR), notified in the Travancore Government Gazette dated the 24th August 1897, wherein the area was constituted as a Reserve Forest under section 18 of Regulation II of 1068. Subsequently various Government orders/rules, were issued for assigning the Cardamom Hill Reserve area for Cardamom cultivation, as well as regarding the control over the land and trees.

The provisions contained in G. O. (Ms.) 804/58/Rev dated the 9th August 1958 were being followed for the management of the Cardamom Hill Reserve area, thereby control over the land rests with the Revenue Department, and control over the tree growth with the Forest Department. Hence there was a dual control over the Cardamom Hill Reserve areas. Subsequently, vide G. O. (Ms.) No. 328/2002/RD dated the 17th October, 2002, Government have transferred 1281.7419, hectares of the said land to the administrative control of Forest Department. Considering the unique nature of the Shola forests in Mathikettan and its importance as an elephant corridor, the State Wildlife Advisory Board has recommended to declare the area as a National Park.

Government finds it necessary to declare the area as a National Park for protecting its ecological, faunal, floral and geomorphological wealth. Therefore, the Government have decided to declare its intention to constitute the said area as a National Park. This notification is intended to achieve the above subject.