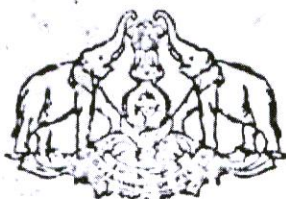


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NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 36/2006/F&WLD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 6th October, 2006.

S. R. O. No. 717/2006.—WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala consider that the area, the situation and limits of which are specified in the schedule below, is of adequate ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphological and natural or zoological significance;

AND WHEREAS, it appears to the Government of Kerala that the said area is needed to be constituted as a Sanctuary for ensuring long term protection for the entire biodiversity of the area, especially "the Neelakurinji (*Strobilanthes kunthiana*)" and its habitat.

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Now, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 18 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972), the Government of Kerala hereby declare their intention to constitute the said area, excluding the patta lands comprised therein as a Sanctuary to be known as "Kurinjimala Sanctuary" for the purpose of protecting, propagating or developing wildlife or its environment.

SCHEDULE

<i>District</i>	:	Idukki
<i>Taluk</i>	:	Devikulam
<i>Village</i>	:	Kottakkamboor, Vattavada.
<i>Extent</i>	:	3200 ha. (Approx.)



SITUATION AND LIMITS

North:—Starting from the point on the North of Vellagiri Peak (2127 Metre) at the boundary of Chinnar Sanctuary, the boundary follows East along the South Eastern boundary of Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary along the Karuvepin Shola and thence runs along the Kottakkamboor sheet rock to the Point No. 1769 on the Inter-State boundary.

East:—Thence the boundary runs south along the Inter-State Boundary, upto the North-Eastern extremity of Pampadum Shola National Park on the Inter-State Boundary through the peaks Kolakkattu Malai (2066 m), Para Thumbu (2356 m), Kadavari Kanavai (2219 m), Tuliukkanpatti Malai (2461 m), Kalladankanavai Mettu (2457 m) and Pattitalaichi (2494 m).

South:—From the North-Eastern extremity of Pampadum Shola National Park at the Inter-State boundary, the boundary runs west along the Northern boundary of Pampadum Shola National Park till it reaches the Munnar-Kovilur road.



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West:—Thence the boundary runs in a northern direction along the western boundaries of the forest plantations in Block No. 62 of Vattavada Village till it reaches the southern boundary of Block No. 58 of Kottakkamboor Village and from there it runs in a north-western direction along the boundary of Block No. 58 till it reaches the north-eastern boundary of Anaimudi Shola National Park and thence running north along the boundary of the National Park and further north till it reaches the starting point on the north of Vellagiri Peak (2127 m) at the boundary of Chinnar Sanctuary.

By order of the Governor,

N. SUKUMARAN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

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

The area comprised in Survey No. 58/1 of Kottakkamboor Village and Survey No. 62 in Vattavada Village of Idukki District is very rich in flora and fauna. The area supports animals like Elephants, Gaur, Deers and Nilgiri Tahr. It is also one of the last abode of the famed "Nilakurinji" (*Strobilanthes kunthianum*) which blooms once in twelve years. The area is subjected to various types of environmental degradation like fire, encroachment, grazing etc. thereby threatening the unique biodiversity of the locality.

The Government consider it necessary to declare the area as a Sanctuary for protecting its ecological, faunal, floral and geomorphological, natural or zoological wealth and also for providing connectivity between the Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary and Anamudi and Pampadum Shola National Parks. Therefore, the Government have decided to declare its intention to constitute the said area as a Sanctuary.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.