

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (WILDLIFE) AND
CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN, KERALA

PRESENT: G.HARIKUMAR

Sub: KF&WLD - Calving Season of Nilgiri Tahr – Closure of Eravikulam National Park – Orders issued.

Read : Letter No. A1-205/2016 dated 18.01.2017 of Field Director (PT), Kottayam.

Order No.WL4-4878/2016 Dated 23.01.2017

As per reference cited, the Field Director (Project Tiger), Kottayam has reported the presence of new born calves in the tourism zone of Eravikulam National Park which indicates the beginning of calving season of Nilgiri Tahr in the Park. The visitation of the tourism zone is extremely high and this may become detrimental to the calving of Nilgiri Tahr and new born calves. As per the approved Management Plan (Chapter VII-Visitor Management-Para 7.3), it is prescribed to close the Park for two months between January and March depending on the beginning of calving period. The newly born Tahr kids are highly vulnerable to disturbances and the kind of human presence experienced at Rajamala, Eravikulam National Park would even affect their chances of survival.

In these circumstances, I, G.Harikumar, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala hereby order to close the Eravikulam National Park for visitors from 1st February 2017 to 1st April, 2017.


G.Harikumar
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) &
Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala.

Copy to:

1. Dr.Amit Mallick, IFS, Field Director (PT), Kottayam for taking necessary action after giving notice.
2. The Wildlife Warden, Munnar for taking necessary action after giving notice. .
- ✓ 3. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FMIS) for uploading the order in the Website.
4. The Director, FIB for giving publicity through media.