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**का.आ. 2654(अ).**— पर्यावरण (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1986 (1986 का 29) की धारा 3 की उपधारा (2) के खंड (v) और खंड (xiv) तथा उपधारा (3) के साथ पठित उपधारा (1) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, केंद्र सरकार द्वारा जारी किए जाने वाले निम्नलिखित प्रारूप अधिसूचना का, पर्यावरण (संरक्षण) नियम, 1986 के नियम 5 के उपनियम (3) के अधीन अपेक्षित रूप से, उससे प्रभावित होने वाली जनता की जानकारी के लिए प्रकाशित की जाती है; और इसके द्वारा यह सूचना दी जाती है कि उक्त प्रारूप अधिसूचना पर उस तारीख से साठ दिनों की अवधि की समाप्ति पर या उसके पश्चात् विचार किया जाएगा, जिस तारीख से इस अधिसूचना वाले भारत के राजपत्र की प्रतियां जनता को उपलब्ध कराई जाएंगी;

मसौदा अधिसूचना में निहित प्रस्तावों पर कोई आपत्ति या सुझाव देने में रुचि रखने वाला कोई भी व्यक्ति इसे लिखित रूप में, केन्द्रीय सरकार के विचारार्थ, निर्धारित अवधि के भीतर सचिव, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, जोरबाग रोड, अलीगंज, नई दिल्ली-110003 को भेज सकता है, या मंत्रालय के ई-मेल पते [esz-mef@nic.in](mailto:esz-mef@nic.in) पर भेज सकता है।



चिम्मोनी वन्यजीव अभयारण्य के पारिस्थितिकी संवेदी जोन के निगरानी समिति द्वारा कार्रवाई की गई रिपोर्ट का प्रारूप : -

1. बैठकों की संख्या और तारीख।
2. बैठकों का कार्यवृत्त: (कृपया मुख्य उल्लेखनीय बिंदुओं का वर्णन करें। बैठक के कार्यवृत्त को एक पृथक उपाबंध में संलग्न करें)।
3. पर्यटन महायोजना सहित आंचलिक महायोजना की तैयारी की स्थिति।
4. भू-अभिलेखों की स्पष्ट त्रुटियों के सुधार के लिए निबटाए गए मामलों का सार (पारिस्थितिकी संवेदी जोन) वारा। ब्यौरे उपाबंध के रूप में संलग्न करें।
5. पर्यावरण प्रभाव निर्धारण अधिसूचना, 2006 के अधीन आने वाले क्रियाकलापों की संवीक्षा के मामलों का सार। (ब्यौरे एक पृथक उपाबंध के रूप में संलग्न करें)।
6. पर्यावरण प्रभाव निर्धारण अधिसूचना, 2006 के अधीन न आने वाले क्रियाकलापों की संवीक्षा के मामलों का सार। (ब्यौरे एक पृथक उपाबंध के रूप में संलग्न करें)।
7. पर्यावरण (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1986 की धारा 19 के अधीन दर्ज की गई शिकायतों का सार।
8. कोई अन्य महत्वपूर्ण मामला।

## MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

### NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 26th May, 2026

**S.O. 2654(E).**— The following draft notification, which the Central Government proposes to issue in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1), read with clause (v) and clause (xiv) of sub-section (2) and sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) is hereby published, as required under sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, for the information of the public likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft notification shall be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing this notification are made available to the public;

Any person interested in making any objections or suggestions on the proposals contained in the draft notification may forward the same in writing, for consideration of the Central Government within the period so specified to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira

Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110 003, or send it to the e-mail address of the Ministry at [esz-mef@nic.in](mailto:esz-mef@nic.in)

### Draft Notification

**WHEREAS**, the Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Chalakkudy taluk (formerly known as Mukundapuram taluk) of Thrissur district in the State of Kerala. It is spread over an area of 114.60 sq. km and lies between 10°29'5.9892" N to 10°22'5.7072" N latitudes and 76°24'56.754" E to 76°33'38.6424" E longitudes.

**AND WHEREAS**, the Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary was formed from Kodassery Reserve in Palappilly range of Chalakudy Forest Division *vide* G.O. (P) No. 259/84/AD, dated 25.08.1984. The sanctuary is an abode to 53 species of mammals, 182 species of birds, 46 species of reptiles, 38 species of amphibians, 31 species of fishes and invertebrate species such as butterflies (24 species), odonates (56 species) etc.

**AND WHEREAS**, the major flora found in and around Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary include Pali (*Palaquium ellipticum*), Nangue (*Mesua ferrea*), VEDIPLAVU (*Cullenia exarillata*), Kalpine (*Dipterocarpus indicus*), Kambakam (*Hopea parviflora*), Vellakil (*Dysoxylum malabaricum*), Vetti (*Aporosa lindleyana*), Thelly (*Canarium strictum*), Nasakam (*Melicope lunu-ankenda*), Kurangumanjal (*Mallotus philippensis*), Manjakadambu (*Haldina cordifolia*), Elavu (*Bombax ceiba*), Vembu (*Toona ciliate*), Njaval (*Syzygium cumini*), Vellilavu (*Lagerstroemia microcarpa*), Karuva (*Cinnamomum zeylanicum*), Nasakam (*Melicope lunuankenda*), Chenkolli (*Mallotus philippensis*), Maruthu (*Terminalia paniculate*), Karimaruthu (*Terminalia tomentosa*), Thanni (*Terminalia bellirica*), Chalavaka (*Albizia procera*), Pala (*Alstonia scholaris*), Veeti (*Dalbergia latifolia*), Vellilavu (*Lagerstroemia microcarpa*), Irul (*Xylia xylocarpa*), Kaini (*Bridelia retusa*), Pezhu (*Careya arborea*), Kannikonna (*Cassia fistula*), Punna (*Dillenia pentagyna*), and Bamboo (*Bambusa arundinacea*).

**AND WHEREAS**, the major fauna found in the Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary include Tiger (*Panthera tigris*), Leopard (*Panthera pardus*), Wild dog (*Cuon alpinus*), Sloth Bear (*Melursus ursinus*), Elephant (*Elephas maximus*), Sambar Deer (*Rusa unicorn*), Spotted Deer (*Axis axis*), Barking Deer (*Muntiacus muntjac*), Mouse Deer (*Moschiola indica*), Bonnet macaque (*Macaca radiate*), Malabar Giant Squirrel (*Ratufa indica*), Indian Flying Fox (*Pteropus giganteus*), Jungle Cat (*Felis chaus*), Asian Palm Civet (*Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*), Small Indian Civet (*Viverricula indica*), Golden Jackal (*Canis aureus*), and Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*), among many others.

**AND WHEREAS**, the major avifauna found in the Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary include Little Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax niger*), Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), Little Green Heron (*Bulorides striatus*), Oriental Honey-Buzzard (*Pernis ptilorhynchus*), Brahminy Kite (*Haliastur indus*), Black Eagle (*Ictinaetus malaiensis*), Grey Junglefowl (*Gallus sonneratii*), River Tern (*Sterna aurantia*), Emerald Dove (*Chalcophaps indica*), Spotted Dove (*Spilopelia chinensis*), Mountain imperial pigeon (*Ducula badia*), Rose-ringed Parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*), Pied Crested Cuckoo (*Clamator jacobinus*), Large Hawk-Cuckoo (*Hierococyx sparverioides*), Indian Cuckoo (*Cuculus micropterus*), Asian Koel (*Eudynamis scolopaceus*), Brown Hawk-Owl (*Ninox scutulata*), Alpine Swift (*Tachymarptis melba*), Small Blue Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*), Lesser Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*), Crimson-throated Barbet (*Megalaima rubricapillus*), Rufous Woodpecker (*Celeus brachyurus*), Common Golden-backed Woodpecker (*Dinopium javanense*), Dusky Crag-Martin (*Hirundo concolor*), Yellow Wagtail (*Molacilla flava*), Scarlet Minivet (*Pericrocotus flammeus*), Black-crested Bulbul (*Pycnonotus flaviventris*), Asian Fairy-Bluebird (*Irena puella*), Oriental Magpie-Robin (*Copsychus saularis*) Jungle Babbler (*Turdoides striata*), Greenish

Leaf-Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochiloides*), Rusty-tailed Flycatcher (*Muscicapa ruficauda*), Red-throated Flycatcher (*Ficedula parva*), Great Tit (*Parus major*), Indian Treepie (*Dendrocitta vagabunda*), and Jungle Crow (*Corvus macrorhynchos*), among many others.

**AND WHEREAS**, the major reptiles found in the Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary include Indian Black Turtle (*Melanochelys trijuga*), Travancore Tortoise (*Indotestudo travancorica*), Common Green Forest Lizard (*Calotes calotes*), South Indian Rock Agama (*Psammophilus dorsalis*), Kollegal Ground Gecko (*Cyrtodactylus collegalensis*), Common Keeled Skink (*Eutropis carinata*), Spotted Supple Skink (*Lygosonia punctata*), Beddome's Cat Skink (*Ristella beddomii*), Brahminy Worm Snake (*Indotyphlops braminus*), Indian Rock python (*Python molurus*), Common Trinket Snake (*Coelognathus helena*), Common Kukri Snake (*Oligodon arnensis*), Common Wolf Snake (*Lycodon aulicus*), Common Indian Krait (*Bungarus caeruleus*), Russel's Viper (*Daboia russelii*), Malabar Pit Viper (*Trimeresurus malabaricus*), Checkered Keelback (*Fowlea piscator*), and Common Hump-nosed Pit Viper (*Hypnale hypnale*).

**AND WHEREAS**, the major amphibians found in the Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary include Common Indian Toad (*Duttaphrynus melanostictus*), Skittering Frog (*Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis*), Indian Bullfrog (*Hoplobatrachus tigerinus*), Indian Burrowing Frog (*Sphaerotheca breviceps*), Ornate Narrow-mouthed Frog (*Microhyla ornata*), Purple Frog (*Nasikabatrachus sahyadrensis*), Fungoid Frog (*Hydrophylax malabarica*), Anamallais Leaping frog (*Indirana brachytarsus*), Common Indian Tree Frog (*Polypedates maculatus*), Water Drop Frog (*Raorchestes nerostagona*), Malabar Gliding Frog (*Rhacophorus malabaricus*), Variable Bush Frog (*Raorchestes akroparallagi*), Bicoloured Frog (*Clinotarsus curtipes*), and Darrel's Chorus Frog (*Microhyla darreli*), among many others.

**AND WHEREAS**, the major fishes found in the Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary include Common Carp (*Cyprinus caprio communis*), Scarlet banded (*Puntis amphibious*), Giant danio (*Danio aequipinnatus*), Guenther's loach (*Nemacheilus guentheri*), Triangular banded (*Nemacheilus triangularis*), Denson's loach (*Nemacheilus denisoni*), Malabar loach (*Lepidocephalus thermalis*), Striped dwarf catfish (*Mystus vittatus*), Indian butter catfish (*Ompok bimaculatus* Bloch), Stinging catfish (*Heteropneustes fossilis* Bloch), and Fresh water garfish (*Xenentodon cancila* Ham.), among many others.

**AND WHEREAS**, the major butterflies found in the Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary include Plain Cupid (*Luthrodes pandava*), Angled Pierrot (*Caleta decidia*), Common Cerulian (*Jamides celeno*), Common hedge blue (*Acytolepis puspa*), Common Bluebottle (*Graphium sarpedon*), Crimson rose (*Atrophaneura hector*), Common Emigrant (*Catopsilia pomona*), Chestnut streaked Sailer (*Neptis jumbah*), Blue Tiger (*Tirumala limniace*), Slate Flash (*Rapala manea*), Chestnut Angle (*Odontoptilum angulata*), Red Helen (*Papilio helenus*), Mottled Emigrant (*Catopsilia pyranthe*), and Chocolate Pansy (*Junonia iphita*), among several others.

**AND WHEREAS**, the forests of the sanctuary embracing the Chimmony Reservoir attains greatest conservation value by providing irrigation water to thousands of hectares of agricultural land in Thrissur District and hence the prime reason for protecting and developing the sanctuary for posterity.

**AND WHEREAS**, the sanctuary area mainly comprises of forests in the Chimmony valley on the western slopes of the Nelliampathies, which ensures ecological continuity of the Anamalai-Anamudi conservation unit, covering an area of 4705 sq. km. The sanctuary is part of the Anamudi Elephant Reserve in the State, with a total forest area of 3728 sq. km. with a density of 0.20 elephants/sq.km. The sanctuary is a representative example of the southern Western Ghats with scenic splendour. The Sanctuary has high potential for scientific research and conservation education.

**AND WHEREAS**, it is necessary to conserve and protect the area, surrounding the boundaries of Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary which are specified in paragraph 1 as Eco-sensitive Zone from ecological,

environmental and biodiversity point of view and to prohibit industries or class of industries and their operations and processes in the said Eco-sensitive Zone;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clauses (v) and (xiv) of sub-section (2) and sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (Act 29 of 1986) (hereafter in this notification referred to as the Environment Act) read with sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the Central Government hereby notifies an area to an extent varying of 0 (zero) to 7.5 km around the boundary of Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary in the State of Kerala as Eco-sensitive Zone (hereafter in this notification referred to as the Eco-sensitive Zone) details of which are as under, namely:-

**1. Extent and boundaries of Eco-Sensitive Zone-**

(1) The Eco-sensitive Zone shall be to an extent of 0 (zero) to 7.5 km around the boundary of Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary and the area of the Eco-sensitive zone is 102.73 sq. km. The extent of Eco-sensitive Zone at various directions is given below:

Direction	From the Boundary of the Protected Area (in km)
<i>North</i>	0
<i>East</i>	0.2
<i>South East</i>	0
<i>South</i>	2.08 - 7.07
<i>South West</i>	0.5
<i>West</i>	1.94 - 7.5

**Justification for 0 (zero) ESZ:** Towards north direction, ESZ is kept zero due to sharing of boundary with Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary. In the south-eastern direction, ESZ is kept zero due to sharing of boundary with Parambikulam Tiger Reserve.

(2) The boundary description of Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary and its Eco-sensitive zone is appended as Annexure-IA and Annexure-IB.

(3) The maps of Eco-sensitive zone of Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary are appended as Annexure-IIA, Annexure-IIB and Annexure-IIC.

(4) List of geo-coordinates of the boundary of Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary and Eco-Sensitive Zone is appended as Annexure-IIIA & Annexure-IIIB.

(5) The list of villages falling in the proposed eco-sensitive zone is given in Annexure-IV.

**2. Zonal Master Plan for the Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary Eco-Sensitive Zone.**

(1) The State Government shall, for the purposes of the Eco-sensitive Zone prepare a Zonal Master Plan within a period of two years from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, in consultation with local people and adhering to the stipulations given in this notification for approval of the competent authority in the State Government.

(2) The Zonal Master Plan for the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be prepared by the State Government in such manner as is specified in this notification and also in consonance with the relevant Central and State laws and the guidelines issued by the Central Government, if any.

- (3) The Zonal Master Plan shall be prepared in consultation with the following Departments of the State Government, for integrating the ecological and environmental considerations into the said plan:-
- (i) Environment;
  - (ii) Forest;
  - (iii) Urban Development;
  - (iv) Tourism;
  - (v) Municipal;
  - (vi) Revenue;
  - vii) Irrigation;
  - viii) Local Self Government Department;
  - ix) Public Works Department;
  - x) State Pollution Control Board.
- (4) The Zonal Master Plan shall not impose any restriction on the approved existing land use, infrastructure and activities, unless so specified in this notification and the Zonal Master Plan shall factor in improvement of all infrastructure and activities to be more efficient and eco-friendly.
- (5) The Zonal Master Plan shall provide for restoration of denuded areas, conservation of existing water bodies, management of catchment areas, watershed management, groundwater management, soil and moisture conservation, needs of local community and such other aspects of the ecology and environment that need attention.
- (6) The Zonal Master Plan shall demarcate all the existing worshipping places, village and urban settlements, types and kinds of forests, agricultural areas, fertile lands, green area, such as, parks and like places, horticultural areas, orchards, lakes and other water bodies.
- (7) The Zonal Master Plan shall regulate development in Eco-sensitive Zone and adhere to prohibited and regulated activities listed in the Table in paragraph 4 and also ensure and promote eco-friendly development for livelihood security of the local communities
- (8) The Zonal Master Plan shall be co-terminus with the Regional Development Plan.
- (9) The Zonal Master Plan so approved shall be the reference document for the Monitoring Committee for carrying out its functions of monitoring in accordance with the provisions of this notification.

**3. Measures to be taken by the State Government.** - The State Government shall take the following measures for giving effect to the provisions of this notification, namely:

- (1) **Land use.** - (a) Forests, horticulture areas, agricultural areas, parks and open spaces earmarked for recreational purpose in the Eco-Sensitive Zone shall not be used or converted into areas for major commercial or major residential complex or industrial activities.

Provided that the conversion of agriculture and other land within the ESZ for the purpose other than that specified at part (a) above, within the Eco-sensitive Zone may be permitted on the recommendation of the Monitoring committee and with the prior approval of the competent authority under Regional Town Planning Act and other rules and regulations of Central/State Government as applicable and vide provisions of this notification, to meet the residential needs of the local residents such as:

- (i) Widening and strengthening of the existing roads and construction of new roads;
- (ii) Construction and renovation of infrastructure and civic amenities;
- (iii) Small scale industries not causing pollution
- (iv) Cottage industries including village industries; convenience stores and local amenities supporting ecotourism including home stay; and
- (v) Promoted activities and given under para 4

Provided further that no use of tribal land shall be permitted for commercial and industrial development activities without the prior approval of the competent authority under Regional Town Planning Act and other rules and regulations of State Government and without compliance of the provision of the article 224 of the Constitution or the law for the time being in force, including the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 ( 2 of 2007):

Provided also that any error appearing in the land records with in the Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be corrected by the State Government, after obtaining the views of the Monitoring Committee, once in each case and the correction of said errors shall be intimated to the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change:

Provided also that above correction of error shall not include change of land use in any case except as provided under this sub-paragraph;

(b) Efforts shall be made to reforest the unused or unproductive agriculture areas with afforestation and habitat restoration activities.

- (2) **Natural water bodies.** - The catchment areas of all-natural springs/rivers/channels shall be identified and plans for their conservation and rejuvenation shall be incorporated in the zonal master plan.
- (3) **Tourism or Eco-Tourism.** - (a) All new eco-tourism activities or expansion of existing tourism activities within the Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be as per the Tourism Master Plan for the eco sensitive zone;

(b) The Tourism Master Plan shall be prepared by the State Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Departments of Environment, Forests and Wildlife, in association with State Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala;

(c) the Tourism Master Plan shall form a component of the Zonal Master Plan;

(d) the Tourism Master Plan shall be drawn based on the study of carrying capacity of the Eco-sensitive Zone;

(e) the activities of eco-tourism shall be regulated as under, namely:-

- i. No new construction of hotels and resorts shall be allowed within 1 km from the boundary of the Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary or up to the extent of the Eco-Sensitive Zone whichever is nearer:

Provided that beyond the distance of the 1 km from the boundaries of the protected area till the extent of the Eco-Sensitive Zone, the establishment of new hotels and resorts shall be allowed only in predefined and designated areas for eco-tourism facilities as per Tourism Master Plan;

- ii. all new tourism activities or expansion of existing tourism activities within the Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Eco-tourism guidelines issued by National Tiger Conservation Authority (as amended from time to time) with emphasis on eco-tourism.
- iii. until the zonal master plan is approved, development for tourism and expansion of existing tourism activities in the Eco-Sensitive Zone areas falling outside forest lands shall be permitted by the concerned regulatory authorities based on the actual site-specific scrutiny and recommendation of the monitoring committee and no new hotels/ resorts or commercial establishment construction is permitted within Eco-Sensitive Zone Area.

(4) **Natural Heritage.**- All sites of valuable natural heritage in the Eco-Sensitive Zone, such as the gene pool reserve areas, rock formations waterfalls, springs, gorges, groves, caves, points, walks rides, cliffs, etc. shall be identified and preserved and a heritage conservation plan shall be drawn up for their preservation and conservation as a part of the Zonal Master plan.

(5) **Man-made Heritage sites.**- Buildings, structures, artefacts, areas and precincts of historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural significance shall be identified in the Eco-Sensitive Zone and heritage conservation plan for their conservation shall be prepared as part Zonal Master plan.

(6) **Noise pollution.** - Prevention and control of noise pollution in the Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be complied with in accordance with Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and amendments thereto.

- (7) **Air Pollution.** - Prevention and control of air pollution in the Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be complied with in accordance with the provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 (14 of 1981) and rules made there under and amendments thereto.
- (8) **Discharge of effluents.** - Discharge of treated effluents in Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be in accordance with the provisions of the General Standards for Discharge of Environmental Pollutants covered under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules made there under or standards stipulated by State Government whichever is more stringent.
- (9) **Solid wastes.** - Disposal and Management of solid wastes shall be as under:-
- a. the solid waste disposal and management in the Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be carried out in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and published by the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change *vide* notification number S.O. 1357(E), dated the 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 and as amended from time to time; the inorganic material may be disposed in an environmental acceptable manner at site identified outside the Eco-Sensitive Zone;
  - b. Safe and Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of solid wastes in conformity with the existing rules and regulations using identified technologies may be allowed within the Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- (10) **Bio-Medical Waste.**- Bio medical waste management shall be as under:-
- a. The bio-medical waste disposal in the Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be carried out in accordance with the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 published by the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change *vide* Notification number GSR 343(E), dated the 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2016; as amended from time to time.
  - b. Safe and Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of Bio-medical wastes in conformity with the existing rules and regulations using identified technologies may be allowed within Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- (11) **Plastic Waste Management.**- The Plastic Waste Management in the Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be carried out as per the provisions of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 published by the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change *vide* notification number G.S.R. 340(E), dated the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, as amended from time to time.
- (12) **Construction and Demolition Waste Management.** - The Construction and Demolition Waste Management in the Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be carried out as per the provisions of the construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016 published by the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change *vide* notification number G.S.R. 317(E) , dated the 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 as amended from time to time.
- (13) **E-Waste.** - The E-Waste Management in the Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be carried out as per the provisions of the E-Waste Management Rules, 2016 published by the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change and as amended from time to time.

- (14) **Vehicular Traffic.** - The vehicular movement of traffic shall be regulated in a habitat friendly manner and specific provisions in the regard shall be incorporated in the Zonal Master Plan and till such time as the Zonal Master plan is prepared and approved by the Competent Authority in the State Government, the Monitoring Committee shall monitor compliance of vehicular movement under the relevant Acts and the rules and regulations made there under.
- (15) **Vehicular pollution.** - Prevention and control of Vehicular Pollution shall be complied with in accordance with applicable laws. Efforts to be made for use of cleaner fuel like CNG, LPG, etc.
- (16) **Industrial units.-**
- On or after the publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, no new polluting industries shall be allowed to be set up within the Eco-Sensitive Zone.
  - Only non-polluting industries shall be allowed within Eco-Sensitive Zone as per Classification of Industries in the guidelines issued by Central Pollution Control Board in February 2016, as amended from time to time, unless so specified in this notification. In addition, non-polluting cottage industries shall be promoted.
- (17) **Protection of hill slopes.-** The protection of hill slopes shall be as under:-
- the Zonal Master Plan shall indicate areas on hill slopes where no construction shall be permitted;
  - no construction on existing steep hill slopes or slopes with higher degree of erosion shall be permitted.

#### 4. List of Activities Prohibited or to be regulated within Eco-Sensitive Zone.-

All activities in the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary shall be governed by the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), Forest Act, 1927 (16 of 1927), Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (69 of 1980) and other applicable laws including the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ), 2011, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, and amendments made thereto and other Acts prevalent in the State. The forest area coming under the Eco-sensitive Zone will remain to be governed under existing forest laws and amendments made thereto. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, the activities in the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be regulated in manner specified in the Table below, namely:-

Table

Sl. No.	Activity	Description
<b>A. Prohibited Activities</b>		
1.	Commercial Mining	a) All new and existing (minor and major minerals), stone quarrying and crushing units shall be prohibited with immediate effect except for meeting the domestic needs of <i>bona fide</i> local residents including digging of earth for

		<p>construction or repair of houses within Eco-sensitive Zone;</p> <p>b) The mining operations shall be carried out in accordance with the order(s) of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2006 in the matter of T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad Vs. UOI in W.P.(C) No.202 of 1995; dated the 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2014 in the matter of Goa Foundation Vs. UOI in W.P.(C) No.435 of 2012; and IA No. 1000 of 2003 dated the 03<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022. IA No. 131377 of 2022, judgment dated the 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and the 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and subsequent judgment dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 in I.A Nos. 162023, 162034, 162154 and 162155 of 2025 or any further orders regarding mining.</p>
2	Setting of industries causing pollution (Water, Air, Soil, noise, etc.,)	No new industries and expansion of existing polluting industries in the Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be permitted. Only non-polluting industries shall be allowed within Eco-Sensitive Zone as per Classification of Industries in the guidelines issued by Central Pollution Control Board in February 2016 and as amended from time to time, unless so specified in this notification. In addition, non-polluting cottage industries shall be promoted.
3	Establishment of major hydroelectric project	Prohibited as per applicable laws.
4	Use, production, or processing of any hazardous substances.	Prohibited as per applicable laws.
5	Discharge of untreated effluents in natural water bodies or land area.	Prohibited as per applicable laws.
6.	Establishment of solid waste disposal site and common incineration facility for solid and bio medical waste	No new solid waste disposal site and waste treatment/processing facility of solid waste are permitted within Eco-sensitive Zone. Further, installation of common or individual incineration facility for treatment of any form of solid waste generated from industrial process and health establishment/hospitals etc. is prohibited.
7.	Setting of saw mills.	No new or expansion of existing saw mills shall be permitted within the Eco-sensitive Zones.
8.	Setting up of brick kilns	Prohibited as applicable laws.
9.	Commercial use of firewood.	Prohibited as applicable laws.
10.	Undertaking activities related to tourism like over-flying the National Park area by any aircraft, hot-air balloons.	Prohibited as applicable laws.
<b>B. Regulated Activities</b>		
9.	Commercial establishment of hotels and resorts	No new commercial hotels and resorts shall be permitted within one kilometre from the boundaries of the Protected Area or up to the extent of Eco-Sensitive Zone, whichever is nearer, except for accommodation for temporary occupation of tourists related to

		<p>Eco-friendly tourism activities:</p> <p>Provided that new tourist activities or extension of existing establishments may be allowed in accordance with Tourism Master Plan and guidelines as applicable.</p> <p>However, beyond one kilometre from the boundary of the protected areas up to the extent of the Eco-sensitive Zones establishment of hotels and resorts may be done subject to the Zonal Master Plan.</p>
10.	Construction Activities	<p>a) No new commercial construction of any kind shall be permitted within one kilometre from the boundaries of the protected areas or up to the extent of Eco-sensitive Zone or whichever is nearer:</p> <p>Provided that, local people shall be permitted to undertake construction in their land for their residential use including the activities listed in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3 as per building bye-laws to meet the residential needs of the local residence such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Widening and strengthening of existing roads and construction of new roads;</li> <li>ii. Construction and renovation of infrastructure and civic amenities;</li> <li>iii. Small scale industries not causing pollution;</li> <li>iv. Cottage industries including village artisans; convenience stores and local amenities supporting eco-tourism; and</li> <li>v. Promoted activities listed in this notification.</li> </ol> <p>Provided that the construction activity related to small scale industries not causing pollution shall be regulated at the minimum, with the prior permission from the Competent Authority as per applicable rules and regulations, if any.</p> <p>vi. Beyond one kilometre, it shall be regulated as per the Zonal Master Plan.</p>
11.	Small scale Non-polluting industries	<p>Non-polluting industries as per classification of Industries issued by the Central Pollution Control Board in February 2016 and as amended from time to time and non-hazards, small-scale and service industry, agriculture, floriculture, horticulture or agro-based industry producing products from indigenous materials from the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be permitted by the Competent Authority.</p>
12.	Felling of Trees	<p>(a) There shall be no felling of trees on the forest or Government or revenue or private lands without prior permission of the Competent Authority in the State Government.</p> <p>(b) The felling of trees shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the concerned Central or State Act and the rules made there under.</p>

13.	Collection of Forest produce or Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP)	Regulated as per the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers [Recognition of Forest Rights] Act, 2006.
14.	Erection of electrical cables and communication towers.	Regulated under applicable laws. Promote underground cabling method.
15.	Infrastructure including civic amenities	Shall be done with mitigation measures, as per applicable laws, rules and regulation and available guidelines.
16.	Widening and strengthening of existing roads and construction of new roads.	Shall be done with mitigation measures, as per applicable laws, rules and regulation and available guidelines.
17.	Protection of Hill slopes and river banks.	Regulated under applicable laws.
18.	Movement of vehicular traffic at night.	Regulated for commercial purpose under applicable laws.
19.	Ongoing agriculture and horticulture practices by local communities along with dairies, dairy farming, aquaculture and fisheries.	Permitted under applicable laws for use of locals.
20.	Establishment of large scale commercial livestock and poultry farms by firms, corporate, companies.	Regulated as per applicable laws.
21.	Discharge of untreated waste water/effluents in natural water bodies or land area.	The discharge of waste water/effluents shall be avoided to enter into the water bodies. Efforts to be made for recycle and reuse of treated waste water. Otherwise the discharge of treated waste water/effluent shall be regulated as per applicable laws.
22.	Commercial extraction of surface and ground water.	Regulated under applicable law.
23.	Open well, Bore well etc. for agriculture or other usage.	Regulated and the activity should be strictly monitored by the appropriate authority.
24.	Solid Waste Management	Regulated under applicable law.
25.	Introduction of Exotic species.	Regulated under applicable law.
26.	Eco-tourism	Regulated under applicable law.
27.	Use of polythene bags	Use of polythene bags are permitted within the Eco Sensitive Zone. However, based on specific requirement, it shall be regulated under applicable laws.
28.	Commercial Sign boards and hoardings.	Regulated under applicable law.
<b>C. Promoted Activities</b>		
29.	Rain water harvesting	Shall be actively promoted.
30.	Organic farming	Shall be actively promoted.
31.	Adoption of green technology for all activities.	Shall be actively promoted.
32.	Cottage industries including village artisans, etc.	Shall be actively promoted.
33.	Use of renewable energy and	Shall be actively promoted.

	fuels	
34.	Agro - Forestry	Shall be actively promoted.
35.	Plantation of horticulture and herbals	Shall be actively promoted.
36.	Use of eco-friendly transport	Shall be actively promoted.
37.	Skill Development	Shall be actively promoted.
38.	Restoration of Degraded Land/Forests/Habitat	Shall be actively promoted.
39.	Environmental Awareness	Shall be actively promoted.

#### 5. Monitoring Committee for Monitoring the Eco-Sensitive Zone Notification-

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), the Central Government hereby constitutes a Committee to be called as the Monitoring Committee, to monitor and ensure the compliance with the provisions of this notification. The Monitoring Committee referred to in sub-paragraph (1) above, shall consist of the following members, namely:-

Sl. No.	Constituent of the Monitoring Committee	Designation
(i)	The District Collector, Thrissur, Palakkad	Chairman;
(ii)	The District Panchayat President, Thrissur	Member;
(iii)	Representatives of Kerala State Pollution Control Board/Kerala State Electricity Board/Kerala Water Authority/Kerala State Irrigation Department / Kerala State Environment Department	Members;
(iv)	Representative of Non-Governmental Organization working in the field of natural conservation (including heritage conservation) to be nominated by the Government of Kerala	Member;
(v)	One expert in Ecology from reputed Institution or University of the State of Kerala to be nominated by the Government of Kerala	Member;
(vi)	The Wildlife Warden, Peechi Wildlife Division	Member Secretary.

#### 6. Terms of Reference of the Monitoring Committee -

- (1) The Monitoring Committee shall monitor the compliance of the provisions of this notification.
- (2) The tenure of the Monitoring committee is for three (3) years or till the re constitution of the new Committee by the State Government and subsequently the Monitoring Committee would be constituted by the State Government.
- (3) The activities that are covered in the schedule to the notification of the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 1533(E), dated the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006, and are falling in Eco-sensitive Zone, except for the prohibited activities as specified in the table under paragraph 4 thereof, shall be scrutinized by the Monitoring Committee based on the actual site-specific conditions and referred to the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for prior environmental clearances under the provisions of the said notification.
- (4) The activities that are not covered in the Schedule to the notification of the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 1533(E), dated the 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 and are falling in Eco-sensitive Zone, except for the prohibited activities as specified in the table under

paragraph 4 thereof, shall be scrutinized by the Monitoring Committee based on the actual site-specific conditions and referred to the concerned regulatory authority.

(5) The Member Secretary of Monitoring Committee shall be competent to file complaints under section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 against any person who contravenes the provisions of this notification.

(6) The Monitoring Committee may invite representatives or experts from concerned Departments or representative from Industry Associations or concerned stakeholders to assist in its deliberations depending on the requirements on issue to issue basis.

(7) The Monitoring Committee shall submit the annual action taken report of its activities as on 31<sup>st</sup> March of every year by 30<sup>th</sup> June of that year to the Chief Wildlife Warden in the state as per pro-forma given Annexure-V, appended to this notification.

(8) The Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change may give such direction, as it deems fit, to the Monitoring Committee for effective discharge of its functions.

7. **Additional measures.** - The Central Government and State government may specify additional measures, if any, for giving effect to the provision of this notification.
8. **Supreme Court, etc. orders.** - The provision of this notification shall be subject to the orders, if any, passed or to be passed, by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India or the High Court or National Green Tribunal.

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## Annexure IA

## Boundary description of Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary

Direction	Description
North	The boundary lines starts from a station at about 1.2 km north-east of Mangattukomban along the inter taluk boundary of Thrissur and Mukundapuram and runs along the above said boundary towards east and meets with the district boundary of Thrissur and Palakkad, at Ponmudi at a height point of 3045 ft.
East	Thence the boundary line runs along the inter district boundary of Thrissur and Palakkad and reaches at Pumalai at a height point of 3665' passing height 1930', 2839', 1702', 3045', 2685' and 2534' and thence the line runs towards south-west direction and meets with Mundavalichal at about ½ km west of Kavalai incline passing height point of 1750'.
South	Thence the boundary line runs along the north of Muduvarachal towards southwest direction till the above chal meets with the Muplipuzha and thence along the northern bank of Muplipuzha till it reaches a station at about 1 km upstream of Mupli where Valkattuthodu joins with Muplipuzha.
West	Thence the boundary runs along the southern bank of Valkattuthodu towards southeast direction for a distance of about 1.5 km and thence to northeast direction and reaches at height point of 250' and then the boundary runs towards northeast direction for about 1 km. and thence towards northwest direction till it reaches at Chimmonypuzha at about 2.50 km. upstream of Chimmonypuzha from Anaipadam passing height points 1070', 1250' and 1327' and forming in a Parabolic shape. Thence the boundary runs along the southern bank of the Chimmonypuzha towards east for about 3 km. till it reaches at Chimmony at a height point of 135' and thence the boundary runs towards northwest direction and reaches at the starting point of the northern boundary of the area.

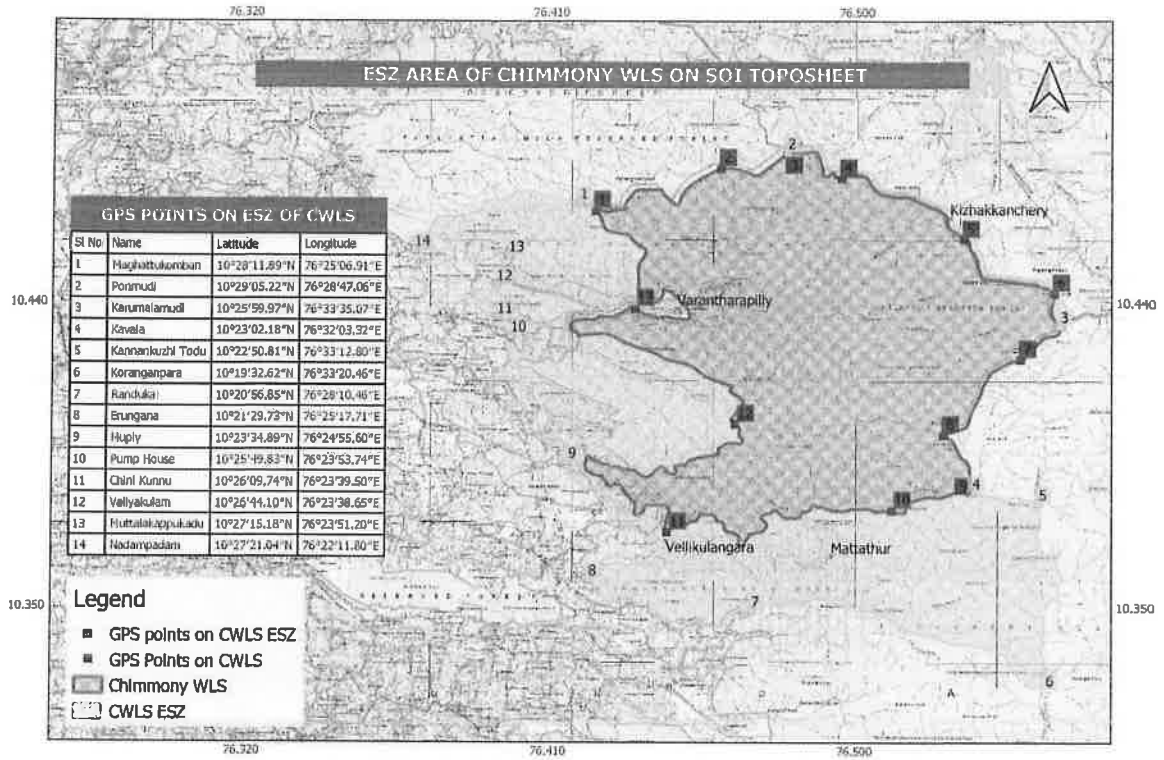
## Annexure IB

## Boundary Description of the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary

Direction	Description
North	The boundary lines starts from the GPS point No. 1 (N10° 28'11.9" and E076° 25'06.9") on the Maghattukomban, common boundary of Peechi- Vazhani and Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuaries and runs towards the east along the Sanctuary boundary to meets Ponmudi, GPS point 2 (N10° 29'05.2", E76°28'47.1"), here the width of Eco-sensitive zone is Zero.
East	Thence the boundary runs towards the southeast direction, 200 meters away from the Sanctuary boundary till it reaches Karumalamudi (tri-junction of Alathur Range, Chimmony WLS & Parambikulam TR), GPS point 3 (N10°26'00.0", E76°33'35.1"), here the width of ESZ is 200 meters, due to the steep slope towards eastern side.
South East	From here, the boundary runs towards the southwest direction along the Sanctuary boundary till it reaches Kavala, GPS point 4 (N 10°23'02.2", E76°32'03.3"), here, the Sanctuary share its boundary with Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, hence the extent of ESZ is Zero.
South	Thence, the boundary runs towards east along the old range boundary of Pariyaram and Vellikulangara till it meets Kannankuzhitodu, GPS point 5 (N10°22'50.8", E76°33'12.8"), from here the boundary runs towards south along the western bank of Kannankuzhitodu till it reaches GPS point 6 (N10°19'32.6", E76°33'20.5") near to Koranganpara. From here, the boundary runs towards the west along the trek path till it reaches Randukai GPS point 7 (N10°20'56.9", E76°28'10.5"). From here, the boundary further runs towards the west along the Reserve Forest boundary till it reaches Erungana, GPS point 8 (N10°21'29.7. E76°25'17.7). Thence, the boundary runs towards the northeast direction along the range boundaries of Vellikulangara and Pariyaram, till it meets the Sasthampooвам (10°21'58.03"N, 76°26'41.37"E). In this stretch, the width of the ESZ ranges from 2.08 km to 7.07 kilometres.
South West	From here, the boundary runs towards the northwest direction 500 meters away from the Sanctuary boundary till it reaches GPS point 9 (N10°23'35.6", E76°25'13.5").
West	Thence, the boundary runs along the eastern bank of Mupli Puzha, till it reaches the point where Chimmony Puzha confluence Mupli Puzha. From here, the boundary runs along the southern bank of Chimmony Puzha till it reaches GPS point 10, Pump house (N10°25'49.8", E76°23'53.7"). From here the boundary runs towards GPS point 11 (N10°26'09.7", E76°23'39.5") Chini Kunnu, thence the boundary runs towards the northwest direction along the reserve forest boundary till it reaches GPS point 12 (N10°26'44.1", E76°23'38.7") Valiyakulam. From here the boundary runs towards the north along the stream till it reaches GPS point 13 (N10°27'15.2", E76°23'51.2") Muttalakappukad. From here, the boundary runs towards the west direction along the Reserve forest boundary till it reaches Nadampadam, GPS point 14 (N10°27'21.0", E76°22'11.8"). Thence the boundary runs towards the east direction along the taluk boundary till it reaches the starting point, Here the width of the ESZ ranges from 1.94 to 7.50 km.

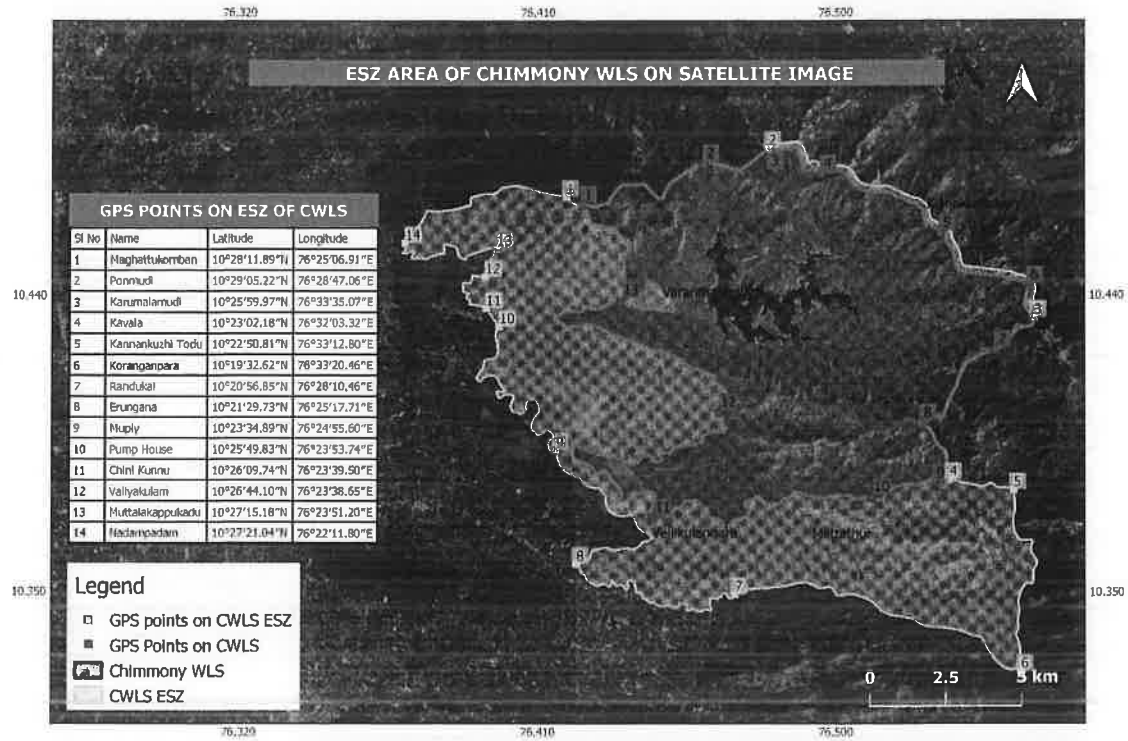
Annexure IIA

**MAP OF ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE OF THE CHIMMONY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY ALONG WITH LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE OF PROMINENT LOCATIONS ON SURVEY OF INDIA TOPO SHEET**



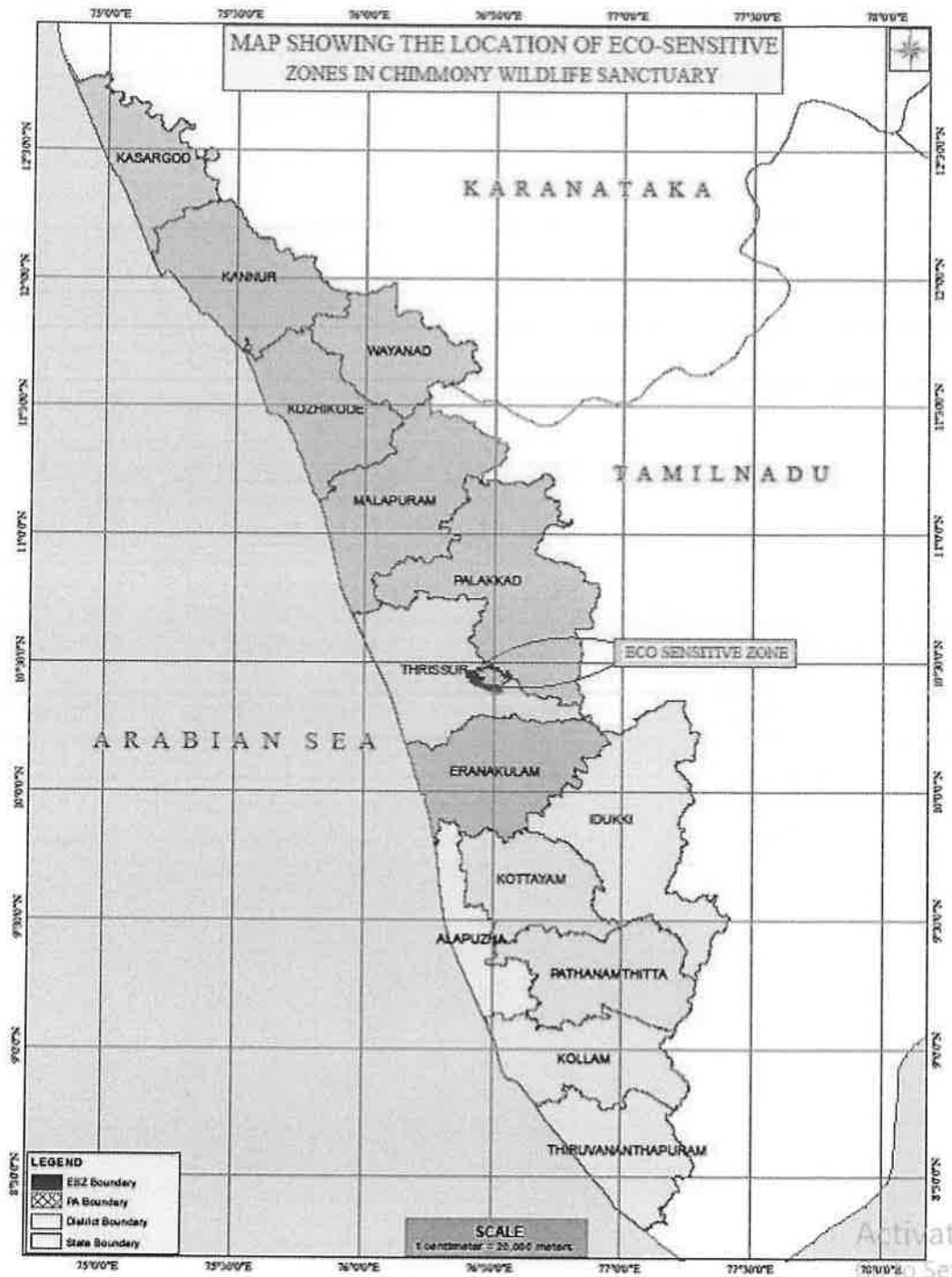
Annexure IIB

MAP OF ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE OF THE CHIMMONY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY  
ALONG WITH LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE OF PROMINENT LOCATIONS ON  
GOOGLE EARTH SATELLITE IMAGE



Annexure IIC

LOCATION MAP OF THE CHIMMONY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



## Annexure IIIA

**TABLE A: GEO-COORDINATES OF PROMINENT LOCATIONS ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF CHIMMONY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY SHOWN ON MAP**

Sl. No	Identification of prominent points	Location/Direction of prominent points	Latitude (DMS Format)	Longitude (DMS Format)
1.	Manghattukomban	North	10°28'02.57"N	76°25'23.25"E
2.	Olakarakava	North	10°28'47.71"N	76°27'36.59"E
3.	Ponmudi	North	10°29'03.88"N	76°28'46.61"E
4.	Mangalamkava	East	10°28'36.57"N	76°29'44.05"E
5.	Vellimudi	East	10°27'31.45"N	76°31'53.44"E
6.	Karumalamudi	East	10°26'34.04"N	76°33'28.55"E
7.	Ivathi	South East	10°25'23.78"N	76°32'53.42"E
8.	Pundimudi	South East	10°24'03.11"N	76°31'32.45"E
9.	Kavala	South East	10°23'02.40"N	76°32'02.01"E
10.	Anapantham	South	10°22'42.69"N	76°30'38.04"E
11.	Karikadavu	South	10°22'19.84"N	76°26'40.81"E
12.	Chanimavu	West	10°24'15.23"N	76°27'51.81"E
13.	Vallikadu	West	10°26'18.19"N	76°26'05.77"E

## Annexure IIIB

**TABLE B: GEO-COORDINATES OF PROMINENT LOCATION ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE OF CHIMMONY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY SHOWN ON MAP**

Sl. No	Identification of prominent points	Location/Direction of prominent points	Latitude (DMS Format)	Longitude (DMS Format)
1.	Maghattukomban	North	10°28'11.9"N	76°25'06.9"E
2.	Ponmudi	North	10°29'05.2"N	76°28'47.1"E
3.	Karumalamudi	East	10°26'00.0"N	76°33'35.1"E
4.	Kavala	South East	10°23'02.2"N	76°32'03.3"E
5.	Kannankuzhi Todu	South	10°22'50.8"N	76°33'12.8"E
6.	Koranganpara	South	10°19'32.6"N	76°33'20.5"E
7.	Randukai	South	10°20'56.9"N	76°28'10.5"E
8.	Erungana	South	10°21'29.7"N	76°25'17.7"E
9.	Muply	South West	10°23'34.9"N	76°24'55.6"E
10.	Pump House	West	10°25'49.8"N	76°23'53.7"E
11.	Chini Kunnu	West	10°26'09.7"N	76°23'39.5"E
12.	Valiyakulam	West	10°26'44.1"N	76°23'38.7"E
13.	Muttalakappukadu	West	10°27'15.2"N	76°23'51.2"E
14.	Nadampadam	West	10°27'21.0"N	76°22'11.8"E

## Annexure IV

**LIST OF VILLAGES COMING UNDER ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE OF CHIMMONY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY ALONG WITH GEO-COORDINATES**

Sl. No.	Village Name	Type of Village	Taluka	District	GPS Co-ordinates	
					Latitude	Longitude
1.	Varantharapilly	Revenue	Chalakkudy	Thrissur	10°26'18.38"N	76°26'51.13"E
2.	Kizhakkanchery	Revenue	Alathur	Palakkad	10°27'54.86"N	76°31'38.75"E
3.	Mattathur	Revenue	Chalakkudy	Thrissur	10°21'54.08"N	76°29'34.24"E
4.	Vellikulangara	Revenue	Chalakkudy	Thrissur	10°22'11.03"N	76°26'40.05"E