SANCTUARY NOTIFICATION

Reg.No.KL/TV/12

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Agriculture (Forest. Misc) Department

NOTIFICATION

No.7898/FM3/76/AD Dated, Trivandrum, 9th February 1976.

S.R.O. No.171/76 - 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, natural and zoological significance;

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 the said area to be a Sanctuary, to be known as the Idukki Sanctuary, for the purpose of protecting, propagating and developing wildlife and its environment.

Schedule

Situation and Limits of the said area

North:

Boundary commencing from the left bank side of Cheruthoni Dam goes along the Dam upto the end of it and ; thence passes along the northern limit of F.R.L. of the Idukki Reservoir meeting the north-west corner of the Idukki Arch Dam and thence along the dam it runs along the F.R.L up to the point where it meets the Kattappana River.

East:

Thence it crosses the Kattappana River and goes along the F.R.L boundary of the lake till it reaches the south-east corner of Kallar Teak Plantation.

South:

Thence the boundary follows the southern boundary of the Kallar Teak Plantation till it reaches the Kannampadithodu and thence along a straight line more or less west till it meets the south-east corner of Cheruthoni Reservoir F.R.L and thence along the F.R.L southern side in a westerly direction till it reaches Malayattoor Forest Division boundary.

West:

Thence along the F.R.L boundary of the lake it reaches the starting point.

By order of the Governor

A.NEELAKANTA PILLAI Additional Secretary

Explanatory Note

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

With the commissioning of the Idukki Project, the area described in the Schedule above would become an isolated pocket. It is reported that there are a good number of elephants, very many wild boars and other animals like bears and monkeys in this area. It is, therefore, considered necessary to declare this area as a sanctuary for the purpose of protecting, propagating and developing Wildlife and its environment. This notification is intended for the above purpose.