

# **SILENT VALLEY NATIONAL PARK**

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**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Agriculture (Forest Special-A) Department**

## **NOTIFICATION**

No.5462/FSA.3/82/AD

Dated, Trivandrum, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1984

**S.R.O. No.1462/84.**—WHEREAS the Government of Kerala have declared their intention to constitute the areas in the Silent Valley Reserve Forests excluding the submergible area falling on either side of the Kundipuzha River falling below the maximum water level contour of 4979 metre above M.S.L. and the proposed dam site, colony site and other ancillary sites required for the Silent Valley Hydro-Electric Project as a National Park to be known as Silent Valley National Park by Notification No.96731/FSB/80/AD dated the 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1980, published as S.R.O No.1288/80 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary dated the 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1981, published as S.R.O. No.148/81 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary dated the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1981.

AND WHEREAS the areas so excluded have subsequently been included in the proposed Silent Valley National Park, for the purpose of protecting Wildlife therein and its environment, by notification No.5462/FS-A3/82/AD dated, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1984 published as S.R.O. No.343/84 dated, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1984, since the execution of the said Hydro-electric Project has been dropped;

AND WHEREAS the said area being a Reserved Forest declared under section 18 of the Madras Forest Act, 1982 and no claim in relation to any land in the said area arises for settlement and all the rights in the said area vest in the Government of Kerala;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (4) of section 35 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972), the Government of Kerala hereby specify that the area, the limits of which are specified in the Schedule below shall be comprised within the National Park to be known as "Silent Valley National Park" with effect from the date of publication of this notification.

### SCHEDULE

District	:	Palghat
Taluk	:	Mannarghat
Village	:	Kandamangalam & Payyanadam desoms of Mannarghat Taluk.
Name of blocks	:	Silent Valley Reserve Forests
Extent	:	8951.65 hectares.

### SITUATION AND LIMITS

**North:** Starting from the trijunction of the three watersheds between the Kundipuzha, the Chokadpuzha, and the Kotapuzha, the line runs generally eastwards along the watershed between the streams running northwards into the Kotapuzha and southwards into the Kundipuzha (over elevations 6,247 Koyipara, 6311, 7297 Sisparabetta) to the Nilgiri district boundary; thence along that boundary south-west and east to elevation 7664 Kovitholabetta; thence the same boundary south-east to the G.T.S on Anignda Peak, elevation 7817, east to north-west corner of the Attapadi reserve.

**East:** Thence generally southwards along the Ernad Walluvanad taluk boundary being the western boundary of the Attappady reserve to the south-west corner of the latter on Arevamparai, elevation 3812.

**South:** Thence generally westwards along the ridge running down to the Kundipuzha river to a cairn at the top of the cliff on the east side of the Kundipuzha gorge; thence in a straight line to the trijunction point of Survey No.1/1-B of Payyanadam and survey Numbers 51/3 A and 51/3-C both of Kandamangalam, thence in the same straight line along the north side of the last – named field to its north – west corner, thence its west side to the quadrajunction point of survey Number 51/3-C, 51/3-A, 51/2-C and 51/2-A all of Kandamangalam; thence the north side of the last named field to the trijunction point of survey Number 51/A, 51/2C and 51/2-B all of Kandamangalam to the GIS on Vannanpara elevation 3690.

**West:** Thence the east sides of survey number 51/2-B and 51/3-B both of Kandamangalam to Kalliparai, elevation 3648 on the cliffs to Udamparai, elevation 3530, thence westwards along the cliffs over Sempukatti to Kulikal Mudi elevation 3468, thence in a straight line west-south-west to Puvamalai, thence in a straight line south-west to Ponmudi, on the Ernad-Walluvanad Taluk boundary thence west-wards along the boundary to Madumudi, elevation 3318, thence north-west along the watershed between the stream running west-wards into the

Pulianthodu and east-wards into the Palakazhipuzha (and Valakayanthodu its tributary) and to Olipuzha, thence north-wards along the west-wards between the streams running into the two last named rivers to Vallia Perumban Kumban shown on Survey of India map as Cherumban Kumban, elevation 3812, thence east-north east to Cheria Perumban Kumban, thence north to Kathisundan on the watershed between the streams running west-wards into the Olipuzha, Pallasharithodu and Chokadpuzha rivers and east-wards into the Kundipuzha, thence along the last named watershed generally north-wards (over elevation 4152, 4031, Valia Mullumali, 5091 Siriputhuvamudi) to the starting point.

**By order of the Governor,**

S.GOPALAN

*Agricultural Production Commissioner and  
Secretary to Government (Forests)*

### **Explanatory Note**

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

In Notification No.96731/FSB/80/AD dated 26<sup>th</sup> December 1980 issued under Sub Section (1) of Section 35 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) and published as S.R.O. No.1288/80 in Kerala Gazette, dated 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1980, Government have declared their intention to constitute the area, situation and limits of which are specified in the schedule to the notification, as a National Park to be known as "Silent Valley National Park". In Notification No.96731/FSB/80/AD dated 30-01-1981 published as S.R.O. No.148/81 in Kerala Gazette dated 04-02-1981, Government has excluded the submergible area falling on either side of the Kundipuzha river falling below the maximum water level contour of 4979 meter above M.S.L. and the proposed dam site, colony site and other ancillary sites required for the Silent Valley Hydro-electric Project from the area specified under S.R.O. No.1288/80. The proposal is construct a dam across Kundipuzha river for the Silent Valley Hydro-electric Project has since been dropped. Therefore, Government in Notification No.5462/FS.A3/82/AD dated 30-03-1984 have deleted the words and figures "excluding the submergible area falling on either side of the Kundipuzha river falling before the maximum water level contour of 4979 metre above M.S.L. and the proposed dam site colony site and other ancillary sites required for the Silent Valley Hydro-electric Project" from Notification No.96731/FSB/80/AD dated 30-01-1981. The necessary of declaring the Silent Valley areas as a National Park was highlighted by the Government of India. Based on the suggestions made by the National Committee on Environmental Planning and Co-

ordination, the Government of Kerala have enacted the Silent Valley Protected areas (Protection and Ecological Balance) Act 1979. In addition to the said measure, it is felt essential that for conserving the flora and fauna and prevent biotic interferences for ensuring ecological progression with ultimate motive of maintaining the Biomass in a state of biological equilibrium, it is necessary, to constitute this area into a National Park called "Silent Valley National Park". The area mentioned in the schedule to this Notification is of adequate ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphological and zoological significance. In consideration of the above aspects and as Government have already made clear their intention to declare the said area as a National Park, they deem it necessary to issue the Notification under Sub Section 4 of Section 35 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and this Notification is intended to achieve the above object.

**NOTIFICATION OF NATIONAL PARK**

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**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Forests & Wildlife (F) Department**

**NOTIFICATION**

**No.12876/F2/2003/F&WLD dated Thiruvananthapuram, 14<sup>th</sup> December 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, geomorphological and zoological significance;

AND WHEREAS, it appears to the Government of Kerala that the said area is needed to be constituted as a National Park for ensuring long-term protection for this majestic vegetal stretch, which contains many botanical rarities and *novelties* to Science;

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 'Anamudi Shola National Park'.

**SCHEDULE**

District	-	Idukki
Taluk	-	Devikulam
Village	-	Marayoor
Extent	-	750 ha (approximate)

**Situations and Limits of the said area**

- North:** Starting from Ottakombumala (hill point 2164) on the South Western corner of Tirthalar proposed reserve forests, thence along the southern boundary of the said reserve till it reaches the north eastern corner of Mannavan Shola reserve thence along the north eastern boundary of the said reserve upto Madavarimala, thence north east along the southern boundary of Idivara Shola reserve passing along hill points 2153, 2104, 2199, 2132, 2127 (Velligirimala).
- East:** Starting from Hill point at 2127 (Velligirimala) runs along the eastern boundary of Idivara Shola Reserved forests and Pullardi Shola Reserved forests till it reaches the South Eastern corner of Pullardi Shola Reserved forests adjoining to the boundary of Kannan Devan Hills Village concession lands.
- South:** Starting from the South Eastern corner of Pullardi Shola Reserved Forests runs more or less south along the Southern boundary of Pullardi Shola Reserved forests, Idivara Shola reserved forests and Mannavan shola reserved forests adjoining to the Northern boundary of Kannan Devan Hills village concession lands till it reaches Tirthamala.
- West:** Starting from Tirthamala runs along eastern boundary of Mannavan Shola Reserved forests till it reaches hill point 2164 Ottakombumala.
- Remarks:** The proposed National Park includes all the areas notified as a Reserve forest under Idivara Shola Reserve No.56, Pulardi Shola Reserve No.57 and Mannavan Shola Reserve No.58.

***By Order of the Governor***

***LIZZIE JACOB***  
***Principal Secretary to Government.***