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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forests and Wildlife (F) Department

NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 53/2009/F&WLD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 16th December, 2009.

**S. R. O. No. 1066/2009.**—In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 38 V of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972), and in partial supersession of the notification issued under G. O. (P) No. 75/07/F&WLD dated 31st December, 2007 and published as S. R. O. No. 1089/2007 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 2328 dated 31st December, 2007, in so far as it relates to the declaration of core or critical tiger habitat areas of Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary, the Government of Kerala hereby declare the following areas of core or critical tiger habitat mentioned in the Schedule hereunder as Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, in the State, in the interest of conservation of Tiger.

## SCHEDULE

## PARAMBIKULAM TIGER RESERVE

District	..	Palakkad, Thrissur
Taluk	..	Chittur, Mukundapuram, Alathur
Area	..	390.89 Sq. km. of the total area situated within the boundaries mentioned below (Excluding the area of 39.872 Sq. km. described as excluded area hereunder).

*North:*—The boundary commences from a point on the Nelliampathy Reserve Forest boundary at the south-east corner of Kalchadi (400m. south) and proceeds towards south-east along a stream that flows down from south-west slope of Pullala Mala and till it reaches the saddle point and further along another stream that originates on the south slope of Pullala Mala and ends at a point where the stream and the northern boundary of Karadi estate merges. Thence the boundary proceeds along the northern and western boundary of Karapara estate, and western boundary of Beatrice estate and ends at the point where the western boundary of Beatrice estate meets the northern boundary of Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary. Thence the boundary proceeds towards east along the northern boundary of Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary till Kuchimala located on the north-east corner of Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary.

*East:*—Thence along the inter-state boundary between Kerala and Tamil Nadu from Kuchimala and passing Pandaravaramala, Mount Stuart and Karianshola and Vengolimala peak and thence through the demarcated line passing Varagaliyar and upto the tri-junction of Palghat and Trichur Districts and Tamil Nadu. The Boundary proceeds towards south along the inter-state boundary and ends at a point where eastern part of Sholayar Reservoir meets the inter-state boundary.

*South:*—Thence the boundary proceeds towards west along the northern bank of Sholayar Reservoir and continues along the northern bank Sholai Ar till it reaches the eastern boundary of Vazhachal Range of Vazhachal Division. The boundary thence proceeds towards north along the eastern boundary of Vazhachal Range of Vazhachal Division (along the Sholai Ar) till a point where the north-western corner of the Sholayar Range of Vazhachal Division meets the southern boundary of

Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary near Orukomban. Thence proceeds towards west along the southern boundary of Parambikulam Wildlife Sactuary till the point where the tramway line crosses the Karappara river at Mudarachal. Thence the boundary proceeds towards west along the southern boundary of Kavala Section and ends at Kavala.

*West*.—Thence the boundary proceeds towards north along a stream that comes down from Pundi Mudi (1116m. MSL) and ends on the southern boundary of Chimmony Wildlife Sactuary at Pundi Mudi peak. Thence it runs in north-eastern direction along the boundary between Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary and Vellikulangara Range till it touches the tri-junction where Chimmony Wildlife Sanctuary, Vellikulangara Range and Alathur Range meet. Thence the boundary further proceeds towards east along the northern boundary of Vellikulangara Range and ends at a point where south-west boundary of Padagiri Section of Nelliampathy Range, south-east boundary of UTT Company Estate and the northern boundary of Vellikulangara Range converge. Thence the boundary proceeds towards north along the western boundary of Nelliampathy Range and ends at the starting point.

*Excluded area*.—Within the above boundary, an extent of 39.872 Sq. km. is excluded from the 'Core or Critical Tiger Habitat' which includes (i) 20.659 Sq.km. of reservoirs of Parambikulam (17.570 Sq.km.) and Thunacadavu and Peruvaripallam (3.089 Sq.km.); (ii) 0.913 Sq.km. which includes tribal settlements (34.3 ha) and a buffer of 100m. from the periphery of the settlements (57 ha) i.e., Sungam (3.07 ha+9 ha), Pooppara (24 ha+21 ha), Fifth Colony (1.38 ha+7 ha), Kuriarkutty (5.09 ha+10 ha), Earth Dam Colony at Parambikulam (0.33 ha+5 ha) and Kadar Colony at Parambikulam (0.40 ha+5 ha) and (iii) about 18.30 Sq.km. of teak plantations in Sungam Range.

By order of the Governor,

DR. A. K. DUBEY,  
*Principal Secretary to Government.*

### Explanatory Note

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

As per sub-section (1) of Section 38 V of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the National Tiger Conservation Authority has agreed to a proposal to declare the areas as mentioned in the notification as Parambikulam Tiger Reserve. An Expert Committee has identified and delineated the 'core or critical tiger habitat' based on scientific and objective criteria.

As per G. O. (P) No. 75/07/F&WLD dated 31st December, 2007 and published as S. R. O. No. 1089/2007, in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 2328 dated 31st December, 2007, the Government of Kerala has interalia declared an extent of 235 Sq.km. (Excluding 50 Sq. km. from the total area of 285 Sq. km. of Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary) as 'core or critical tiger habitat' of Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary under Section 38 V of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) based on the recommendation of the Expert Committee constituted for the purpose. In the present notification an area of 39.872 Sq.km is excluded from the sanctuary, which includes (i) 20.659 Sq.km. of reservoirs of Parambikulam (17.570 Sq. km.) and Thunacadavu & Peruvaripallam (3.089 Sq. km.), (ii) 0.913 Sq. km. which includes tribal settlements (34.3 ha) and a buffer of 100m from the periphery of the settlements (57 ha) i.e., Sungam (3.07 ha+9 ha), Pooppara (24 ha+21 ha), Fifth Colony (1.38 ha+7 ha), Kuriarkutty (5.09 ha+10 ha), Earth Dam Colony at Parambikulam (0.33 ha+5 ha) and Kadar Colony at Parambikulam (0.40 ha+5 ha) and (iii) about 18.30 Sq.km. of teak plantations in Sungam Range which is proposed to be notified as Buffer for the core or critical tiger habitat. However, the black topped roads from Pollachi to Parambikulam and from Parambikulam to Kuriarkutty pass through the 'core or critical tiger habitat'.

Besides the 235 Sq.km. of 'core or critical tiger habitat' already notified, the areas additionally proposed for Parambikulam Tiger Reserve are 10.128 Sq. km. from balance area of Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary and the areas from neighbouring Forest Divisions include Nemmara (42.99 Sq. km.), Chalakkudy (42.24 Sq.km.) and Vazhachal (60.53 Sq. km.), which are contiguous to the existing core or critical tiger habitat of Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary and are prime habitats of Tiger in the State. The said area is suitable for declaration as Tiger Reserve in accordance with sub-section (1) of Section 38 V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Hence, the Government of Kerala has decided to declare the said area of 390.89 Sq. km. including 245.128 Sq. km. from Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary as Parambikulam Tiger Reserve.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.