PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN, KERALA

Present: Dr. Pramod G. Krishnan IFS

Subject: The Kerala Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2026 – Authorizing Divisional Forest Officers of Territorial Forest Divisions and Deputy Directors / Wildlife Wardens of Wildlife Forest Divisions to exercise the powers under Rule 35 & 36– reg.

Reference: Notification published in Kerala Gazette No. 946 as S.R.O. No. 298/2026 dated 4th March 2026 vide GO (P) No. 9/2026/F&WLD

Order No. KFDHQ/9885/2025-CWW/WL13 dated 09/03/2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 64 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) and as per the judgment in WP(C) No. 11074/2019 & WP(C) No. 27187/2019 dated 24/10/2025 of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, the State Government published the Kerala Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2026 (Appendix – I) [hereafter referred to as 'Rules, 2026'] further to amend the Kerala Wildlife (Protection) Rules, 1978 issued under Notification G.O. (P) No. 52/78/AD dated the 16th February, 1978, published in the Kerala Gazette No. 24 dated the 13th June, 1978.

The Rules, 2026 intent to give one more chance to persons or class of persons to declare the control, custody or possession of any animal, animal article or trophy (other than the musk of a musk deer or the horn of a rhinoceros) or salted or dried skins derived from an animal specified in Schedule I to the Act, with them. Further to these, considering the convenience of the public and to facilitate prompt processing, it is felt appropriate and

prudent to receive the declaration (in *Form No. 13*) at Forest Division level and to prepare the inventories there itself.

Under these circumstances, invoking the powers vested with the Chief Wildlife Warden vide Rule 35 of the Kerala Wildlife (Protection) Rules, 1978; I, Dr. Pramod G. Krishnan IFS, Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala do hereby authorize all the Divisional Forest Officers of Territorial Forest Divisions and Deputy Directors / Wildlife Wardens of Wildlife Divisions, having jurisdiction to receive the declaration (in *Form No. 13*) and to conduct inquiry and prepare inventories as stipulated under the rules 35 and 36 of the Kerala Wildlife (Protection) Rules, 1978. Details of the Divisional Forest Officers of Territorial Forest Divisions and Deputy Directors / Wildlife Wardens of Wildlife Divisions, having jurisdiction is enclosed as Appendix – II and the declaration (in *Form No. 13*) as Appendix – III.

The Authorized Officer shall submit the Inventory Report together with *Form No. 13* to the Chief Wildlife Warden for further processing. This authorization is valid till the processing of entire declarations received as per the Rules, 2026.

Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala

Encl.: Appendices – I, II & III

Appendix - II

Details of Territorial and Wildlife Divisional Forest Offices authroised to receive Form 13 Declarations

[*Ref: KFDHQ/9885/2025-CWW/WL13 dated 09/03/2026 of the Chief Wildlife Warden*]

Territorial Forest Division Offices

Sl. No.	Office	Phone	e-mail
1	Divisional Forest Office Thiruvananthapuram, Forest Headquarters campus, Vazhuthacaud, Thycaud PO, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala 695014	0471 2320637	dfo.tvm.for@kerala.gov.in
2	Divisional Forest Office Thenmala, Thenmala PO, Kollam, Kerala 691308	0475 2344521	dfo-then.for@kerala.gov.in
3	Divisional Forest Office Punalur, Punalur PO, Kollam, Kerala 691305	0475 2222621	dfo-pnlr.for@kerala.gov.in
4	Divisional Forest Office, Achenkovil Forest Division, Achenkovil PO, Kollam, Kerala 689696	0475 2342315	dfo.akvl.for@kerala.gov.in
5	Divisional Forest Office, Konni Forest Division, Konni PO, Pathanamthitta, Kerala 689691	0468 2242233	dfo-kni.for@kerala.gov.in
6	Divisional Forest Office, Ranni Forest Division, Ranni P O, Pathanamthitta, Kerala 689672	04735 227558	dfo-ranni.for@kerala.gov.in
7	Divisional Forest Office, Kottayam, Civil Station Building, Civil Station PO, Kottayam, Kerala 686002	0481 2562276	dfo-ktym.for@kerala.gov.in
8	Divisional Forest Office, Kothamangalam, Kothanangalam P O, Ernakulam, Kerala 686691	0485 2822317	dfo-kglm.for@kerala.gov.in
9	Divisional Forest Office, Mankulam, Viripara, Mankulam P.O, Idukki, Kerala 685565	04864 223915	dfo-mklm.for@kerala.gov.in
10	Divisional Forest Office, Munnar, Devikulam PO, Idukki, Kerala 685613	04865 264237	dfo-mnr.for@kerala.gov.in
11	Divisional Forest Office, Marayoor, Marayoor PO, Idukki, Kerala 685620	04865 252988	dfo-mryr.for@kerala.gov.in
12	Divisional Forest Office, Malayattoor Forest Division, Kodanad PO, Malayattoor, Ernakulam, Kerala 683544	0484 2649052	dfo-mytr.for@kerala.gov.in

Sl. No.	Office	Phone	e-mail
13	Divisional Forest Office, Chalakudy Forest Division, Chalakudy PO, Thrissur, Kerala 680307	0480 2701340	dfo.clkdy.for@kerala.gov.in
14	Divisional Forest Office, Vazhachal Forest Division, Chalakudy PO, Thrissur, Kerala 680307	0480 2701713	dfo-vzcl.for@kerala.gov.in
15	Divisional Forest Office, Thrissur Forest Division, Civil Station building, Ayyanthole PO, Thrissur, Kerala 680307	0487 2361268	dfo-tsr.for@kerala.gov.in
16	Divisional Forest Office, Palakkad Forest Division, Olavacode PO, Palakkad, Kerala 678002	0491 2555156	dfo-plkd.for@kerala.gov.in
17	Divisional Forest Office, Mannarkkad Forest Division, Mannarkkad PO, Palakkad, Kerala 678582	04924 222574	dfo.mnkd.for@kerala.gov.in
18	Divisional Forest Office, Nenmara Forest Division, Ayinampadam PO, Nenmara, Palakkad, Kerala 678508	04923 243179	dfo-nenmara.for@kerala.gov.in
19	Divisional Forest Office, Nilambur South Division, Nilambur PO, Malappuram. Kerala 679329	04931 220392	dfo-nlbrs.for@kerala.gov.in
20	Divisional Forest Office, Nilambur North Forest Division, Nilambur PO, Malappuram, Kerala 679329	04931 220232	dfo-nlbrn.for@kerala.gov.in
21	Divisional Forest Office, Kozhikkode Forest Division, Civil Station Complex, Kozhikkode, Kerala 673020	0495 2374450	dfo.kozh.for@kerala.gov.in
22	Divisional Forest Office, Wayanad South Forest Division, Pinangode Road, Kalpetta PO, Wayanad, Kerala 673121	04936 203428	dfo-wynds.for@kerala.gov.in
23	Divisional Forest Office, Wayanad North Forest Division, Mananthavady PO, Wayanad, Kerala 670645	04935 240233	dfo-wyndn.for@kerala.gov.in
24	Divisional Forest Office, Kannur Forest Division, Forest Complex, Kannothumchal, Thana PO, Kannur, Kerala 670012	0497 2704808	dfo-knr.for@kerala.gov.in
25	Divisional Forest Office, Kasargode Forest Division, Vanasree Complex, Udayagiri, Vidhya Nagar P.O, Kasargode, Kerala 671123	04994256119	dfo-kgd.for@kerala.gov.in

Wildlife Forest Division Offices

26	Wildlife Warden, Thiruvananthapuram Wildlife Division, PTP Nagar, Vattiyoorkavu PO, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala 695013	0471 2360762	ww-tvm.for@kerala.gov.in
27	Wildlife Warden, Shendurney Wildlife Division, Thenmala Dam PO, Kollam, Kerala 691301	0475 2344600	ww-sdny.for@kerala.gov.in
28	Deputy Director, Periyar (East), Deputy Director, Periyar East Division, Kumili, Thekkady P O, Idukki, Kerala 685536	04869 222027	dd-pr-east.for@kerala.gov.in
29	Deputy Director, Periyar (West), Deputy Director, Periyar West Division, Peerumedu PO, Idukki, Kerala 685531	04869 232010	dd-ptr-west.for@kerala.gov.in
30	Wildlife Warden, Idukki Wildlife Division, Vellappara, Painavu PO, Idukki, Kerala 685603	04862 232271	ww-idk.for@kerala.gov.in
31	Wildlife Warden, Munnar Wildlife Division, Munnar PO, Idukki, Kerala 685612	04865 231587	ww-mnr.for@kerala.gov.in
32	Wildlife Warden, Peechi Wildlife Division, Peechi PO, Thrissur, Kerala 680683	0487 2699017	ww-peechi.for@kerala.gov.in
33	Deputy Director, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Thunakkadavu PO, Palakkad, Kerala 678661	04253 245005	ww-pklm.for@kerala.gov.in
34	Wildlife Warden, Silent Valley National Park, Mannarkkad PO, Palakkad, Kerala 678582	04924 222056	ww-svnp.for@kerala.gov.in
35	Wildlife Warden, Wayanad Wildlife Division, Sulthan Bathery PO, Wayanad, Kerala 673592	04936 220454	ww-wynd.for@kerala.gov.in
36	Wildlife Warden, Aralam Wildlife Division, Aralam, Iritty PO, Kannur, Kerala 670703	0490 2493160	ww-aralam.for@kerala.gov.in

Appendix – III

FORM No. 13
[*See Rule 35*]

To

The Chief Wildlife Warden / Authorised Officer,

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Sir,

I, ... resident of ..... in the District of ..... declare that I have in my control / custody or possession the following:-

Animal article, trophy	Number	Description including name of animal from which derived	Dimensions	How obtained	Premises where kept
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

1. Animal article
2. Trophy

Yours faithfully,

Signature of the applicant

Place:
Date: