

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

Forests – Wildlife – Kanniyakumari District – Declaration of Kanniyakumari Forest Division as Wildlife Sanctuary – Notification under section 26 A(1)(b) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 - Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (FR.5) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.128

Dated: 20.11.2007

Read:

1. G.O (Ms) No.152, Environment and Forest Department, dated 16.7.2002
2. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Letter No.WL5/61289/2006, dated 27.4.2007 and 12.7.2007.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden Letter No.WL5/61289/06, dated 6.10.07

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ORDER:

The Government in the order first read above declared the Kanniyakumari Forest Division as Sanctuary under sub-section (1) of section 18 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) and the notification to this effect has been published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter second read above reported that the Wildlife (Protection) (Amendment) Act, 2002 has come into force on 1.4.2003 and now the Reserve Forests including those which were declared so, under any other State Act can be declared as sanctuary directly under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 26-A of the said Act. He has informed that the areas already notified under sub-section (1) of section 18 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 in G.O.Ms.No.152, Environment and Forests Department, dated 16.7.2002 excluding areas under private forests, area on leased to Arasu Rubber Corporation Limited, Nagercoil and area for Kani settlement now be straight away declared as Sanctuary under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 26-A of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 waiving the procedures to be followed under Section 19 to 25 of the said Act. He has also sent a revised draft notification with letter third read above for declaring 40239.55 hectares of reserve forests area as Sanctuary under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 26-A of the said Act excluding 24 private estates, Reserve Forests lands leased to Arasu Rubber Corporation, Nagercoil (A State Government undertaking under the administrative control of this Department) for sixty years measuring an extent of 4187.38 hectares and an extent of 1256.00 hectares for Kani (Tribes) settlement lands and for forming parts of approach roads to Kani Settlements in the Veerapuli and Kilamalai reserve forests in the present notification.

3. The Government after consideration accept the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden and declare the 40239.55 hectares of Reserved Forests areas detailed in the notification appended to this order as "Sanctuary" under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 26-A of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The orders issued in G.O first read above are cancelled.

4. The notifications appended to this order will be published in English and in Tamil in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette and in Tamil in the District Gazette of Kanniyakumari District.

5. The Tamil Development, Religious Endowment and Information Department is requested to send immediately a Tamil translation of the Notification to the Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai for publication in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette and in the District Gazette of Kanniyakumari District.

6. The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai is requested to send 20 copies of each of the Notification to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai, Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai, the District Collector of Kanniyakumari District, at Nagercoil the Conservator of Forests, Tirunelveli, the District Forest Officer, Kanniyakumari and the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kanniyakumari as soon as the Notification is published.

(By Order of the Governor)

R.Rajagopal  
Secretary to Government

To

The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai-79.

The Director of Stationery and Printing Press, Chennai-2.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Chennai-15.

The Collector of Kanniyakumari District at Nagercoil.

The Tamil Development, Religious Endowment and  
Information Department, Chennai-9.

The Secretary to Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi.

The Law Department, Chennai-9.

// Forwarded: By Order //

Section Officer

## APPENDIX

### NOTIFICATION – I

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 26-A of the WildLife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972), the Governor of Tamil Nadu, having considered that the area, the boundaries of which are specified in the Schedule below is of adequate ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphological, natural and zoological significance for the purpose of protecting, propagating and developing Wildlife and its environment, hereby declares that the said area shall be a sanctuary on and from the 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2007.

### THE SCHEDULE

1.	Name of the District	:	Kanniyakumari District
2.	Name of the Forest Division	:	Kanniyakumari Forest Division
3.	Name of the Taluks	:	1. Vilavancode 2. Kalkulam 3. Agastheeswaram 4. Thovala
4.	Area of the sanctuary	:	
	(1) Therkkumalai East Reserve Forests	:	1187.78 hectares
	(2) Therkkumalai West Reserve Forests	:	906.51 hectares
	(3) Thadagamalai Reserve Forests	:	674.62 hectares
	(4) Poigai Malai Reserve Forests	:	775.12 hectares
	(5) Mahendragiri Reserve Forests	:	4373.13 hectares

	(6) Velimalai Reserve Forests	:	1296.64 hectares
	(7) Veerapuli Reserve Forests	:	21120.26 hectares
	(8) Kilmalai Reserve Forests	:	4635.00 hectares
	(9) Thodalikadu Reserve Forests (Kilamalai Extension)	:	153.99 hectares
	(10) Asambu Reserve Forests	:	5116.50 hectares
	Total area	:	40239.55 hectares
5.	Name of Sanctuary	:	Kanniyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary

**BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

North - Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve Boundary

East - Tirunelveli District Boundary

South - Kodayar left bank channel and Thovalai Channel

West - Kerala State Boundary

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## **NOTIFICATION – II**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 18 of WildLife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby cancels the Environment and Forests Department Notification No.II(2)/EF/705/2002, published at pages 449-450 of Part II – Section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette, dated the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2002.

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