

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (WILDLIFE) AND  
CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN, KERALA

PRESENT: SURENDRA KUMAR, IFS

Sub: KF&WLD - Calving Season of Nilgiri Tahr – Closure of Eravikulam National Park – Orders issued.

Read : Letter No. A1-124/2020 dated 14.01.2020 of Field Director (Project Tiger), Kottayam.

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**Order No.WL4- 4878/2016 Dated 18..01.2020**

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As per reference cited, the Field Director (Project Tiger), Kottayam has reported the presence of new born calves in the tourism zone of Eravikulam National Park, which indicates the beginning of calving season of Nilgiri Tahr in the Park. The visitations of the tourism zone are extremely high and this may become detrimental to the calving of Nilgiri Tahr and new born calves. The newly born Tahr kids are highly vulnerable to disturbances and the kind of human presence experienced at Rajamala, Eravikulam National Park would even affect their chances of survival.

The approved Management Plan of Eravikulam National Park (Chapter VII-Visitor Management-Para 7.3) prescribes to close the Park for a period of two months between January and March depending on the beginning of the calving period.

In these circumstances, I, Surendra Kumar IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala hereby order to close the Eravikulam National Park for visitors for sixty days, ie., from **21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

  
SURENDRA KUMAR IFS  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) &  
Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala.

Copy to:

1. The FD (PT), Kottayam for taking necessary action after giving notice.
2. The Wildlife Warden, Munnar for taking necessary action after giving notice. .
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (IT) for uploading the order in the Website.
4. The Director, FIB for giving publicity through media.

