



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest and Wild Life- Kadalundi-Vallikunnua Reserve Management Committee -Approval of Rules and Regulations- Sanctioned - Orders issued

FOREST & WILD LIFE (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O(Ms) No. 29/2010/F&WLD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 2.6.2010

Read: (1) GO (Ms) No.30/2008/F&WLD dated, 26.5.2008

(2) Letter No. WL5-3418/2007 dated, 24.3.2010 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

ORDER

Government have constituted Kadalundi-Vallikunnu Community Reserve Management Committee to advise the Chief Wild Life Warden to conserve, manage and maintain the conservation of reserves as per GO read as 1st paper above. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Chief Wild Life Warden) in his letter read as 2nd paper above has forwarded a draft Rules and Regulation of Kadalundi-Vallikunnu Community Reserve Management Committee. Government have examined the draft rules in detail and approved the rules as follows:-

The Management Committee is responsible for preparation and implementation of management of the Community Reserve. These goals will be achieved through the basic principles envisaged in PFM in the Government Policy. Following Rules and Procedures in the bye-law are made to achieve the above goals.

1. Name : Kadalundi – Vallikunnu Community Reserve Management Committee
2. Address : Kadalundi – Vallikunnu CRMC, P.O. Vallikunnu, Malappuram District. 673314.
3. Working Area: The working area of CRMC is the area in Vallikunnu – Kadalundi villages in between Kottakkadu Bridge and Kadalundi river mouth and also Vallikunnu and Kadalundi Panchayath land area up to 200 meters from the river borders.

2. Aims and objects

Protection and development of all plants and animals including human being in the community reserve area; and also to improve the environment, mangrove forest, sanitary conditions, cultural values and educational standards of the peoples of this area; and to conserve Bio-diversity as well as to prevent the extinction of birds, fishes, other animals and plants. To collect funds from departmental and other sources and to implement different projects for the above purposes.

3. Definitions

In these Rules and Regulations unless there be anything repugnant to or inconsistent with the subject or context :

1. "Community Reserve" means the Kadalundi – Vallikunnu Community Reserve constituted as per G.O.(MS) No.66/2007/Forest dated 17-10-2007 and published as S.R.O No.859/2007 in Kerala Gazette Extra-ordinary No.1880 dated 17-10-2007.
2. "Financial Year" means the Financial Year commencing on the 1st April and ending on 31st March following :-
3. "Management Committee" means The community Reserve Management Committee (CRMC) for conserving, maintaining and managing the Kadalundi – Vallikunnu Community Reserve constituted by Government – vide G.O.(MS) No.78/2008/F&WLD dated 24-11-2008 and published as S.R.O. No.1199/2008 in Kerala Gazette Extra-ordinary No.2562 dated 28-11-2005.
4. "Member" means any of the members forming the Management Committee.
5. "Office bearers" means the Chairman, Honorary Wildlife Warden and Secretary.

4. Duties and Responsibilities

1. The jurisdiction of CRMC is applicable to the Kadalundi Vallikunnu Community Reserve area, in between Kottakkadavu Bridge and Kadalundi river and also Vallikunnu and Kadalundi Panchayath land area up to 200 metres from the river borders.
2. Community Reserve Management Committee (CRMC) will constitute grass route level committees named as Local Reserve Development Committees (LRDC), as per G.O.(Ms) No.8/98/F&WLD dated 16-01-1998.
3. Initially five Local Reserve Development Committees will be constituted at Balathiruthi, Keezhayil, Herosnagar, Kunnamthiruthi and Pilakkad.
4. The activities in the Management Plan and Annual Action Plans will be implemented through the Local Reserve Development Committees.
5. The activities of infrastructure development and procurement can be done as per the government rules and procedures.
6. To impose and recover fees and charges for the services rendered, raise money and fund as deemed fit and necessary for the purposes and objectives of Kadalundi Vallikunnu Community Reserve (KVCR).
7. To prepare annual reports, financial statements of accounts and financial estimates.

8. To enter in to any agreement for Kadalundi Vallikunnu Community Reserve.
9. To sue and to be sued and defend all legal proceedings on behalf of Kadalundi Vallikunnu Community Reserve.
10. To make sign and execute documents and instruments as may be necessary for management of Kadalundi Vallikunnu Community Reserve.
11. To invest moneys on behalf of Kadalundi Vallikunnu Community Reserve.
12. To perform all acts and do such things for the proper management of Kadalundi Vallikunnu Community Reserve.
13. To select auditors for Kadalundi Vallikunnu Community Reserve.

To make regulations for the management of Kadalundi Vallikunnu Community reserve.

5. Powers, Rights and Duties of Management Committee of Kadalundi – Vallikunnu Community Reserve :

1. Kadalundi – Vallikunnu Community Reserve Management Committee shall carry out business and affairs of Kadalundi – Vallikunnu Community Reserve as per the Management Plan and take steps to ensure the protection of wildlife and its habitat in the reserve.
2. To purchase articles and materials like boats, vehicles and machinery as may be needed and their maintenance within the budget provisions as per the law in force.
3. To maintain proper books and accounts supported by necessary vouchers.
4. All the properties, movable/immovable of any kind of Community Reserve Management Committee shall vest in the name of Kadalundi – Vallikunnu Community Reserve.
5. The business and the affairs of Kadalundi – Vallikunnu Community Reserve shall be carried out in the name of Kadalundi – Vallikunnu Community Reserve by the CRMC following departmental procedures.
6. To receive gifts, purchase, utilize lease or otherwise, lands, buildings or other movable and immovable properties with all rights pertaining thereto.
7. The CRMC will have no powers to prevent the transactions of private lands in the Community reserve area.
8. The projects to be implemented in the Community Reserve area shall protect the eco-system, sanitation system, environment, labour opportunities and the safe living conditions of the local inhabitants in the Community Reserve area.
9. CRMC will try to reduce and eradicate the harmful effects of mangrove

forests as far as possible, and keep vigilance to avoid all anti human impacts of projects to be implemented in this area.

10. The CRMC will take preventive measures against all anti social activities in Community Reserve area.

11. Any developmental activity to be implemented in the Community Reserve area by any agency, departmental or otherwise, be got sanctioned by CRMC.

12. CRMC will take measures to widen and deepen Kadalund river if found necessary after scientific study.

6. Appointment of Chairman and Secretary:

The CRMC shall elect a Chairman and the forester in the CRMC will act as the Secretary of the Committee.

7. Membership :

Persons who have completed 18 years living in the area of CRMC are members of CC.

8. Membership – Disqualification :

Members, who violate the provision of this Rules and Regulations and act against the development of the CR, will be removed by CRMC by majority decision.

9. Receipts and Management of money by Management Committee

1. The Management Committee will open a core fund account and an operational account in a Nationalized Bank. These accounts shall be jointly operated by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Management Committee. Advances received will be deposited in the core fund. Bills for works executed as per the approved action plan and sanctioned estimates will be submitted to the Divisional Forest Officer, Kozhikode and on receipt of passed bills the amount admitted will be transferred from the core fund account to the operational fund account.

2. Advances to LRDC will be made from the core fund based on the approval of Divisional Forest Officer, Kozhikode on the recommendation of CRMC.

3. Accounts will be maintained by the LRDC as per the directions of the Forest Department.

4. The annual accounts of Community Reserve will be got audited by Chartered Accountant by the Management Committee.

10..Organization :

1. Each LRDC will elect 5 members for its executive committee and elect a Chairman and Secretary for it.
2. A six member Community Reserve Management Committee will be constituted by the Government, by selecting three members proposed by Vallikunnu Grama Panchayath and two members proposed by Kadalundi Grama Panchayath and one Forest officer as its Secretary.
3. When a person becomes the member of the CRMC by virtue of the office he holds, his membership shall terminate when he ceases to hold that office or otherwise decided by Government.

11. (a) Meeting of the Management Committee :

1. The Committee shall meet at least once in a month.
2. The quorum shall be 4 members with members from both Panchayaths be present.
3. The Chairman shall ordinarily preside in all meetings. In the absence of the Chairman the members present shall decide one of the members to chair the meeting.

(b) Annual Meetings: Annual General Body meeting of CRMC and LRDC shall be convened before March every year, and activity reports and account be discussed and approved.

(c) Duration: The duration of CRMC and LRDC will be 5 year. After that members of both committees are to be re-elected.

12. (a) Duties of Chairman:

Chairman shall preside over Executive Committee and General Body meetings; control and implement all functions, direct the Secretary and look after the whole affairs of the CRMC.

(b) Duties of the Secretary:

Secretary shall keep all records and accounts, deal with all affairs, prepare reports and accounts according to the rules and regulations and take measures to implement the decisions of the committee and also convene the CRMC meeting.

13. Records and Registers to be maintained:

Following Records and Registers may be maintained

(b) Cash book

(c) Estimate Register

(d) Work Register

(e) M Book

(f) Bill Register

(g) Cheque note Register

14. Audit

Accounts shall be audited by a Chartered Accountant before presenting to the General Body.

15. Appointment of staff :

The CRMC will appoint necessary staff after getting sanction from the Forest Department as and when necessary, as per the direction of the Department in Government.

16. Voting :

In the case of difference of opinion amongst the members on any matter under discussion in a meeting, the opinion of the majority present shall prevail. Every member present at the meeting including the Chairman of the meeting shall have one vote and if votes are equal the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second casting vote.

17. Notice of the Meeting

Every meeting of the Management Committee shall be convened by notice issued under the hand of the Chairman or any other member of Management Committee authorized in this behalf. Every notice calling of a meeting of Management Committee shall be issued to every member with a notice of not less than 7 days except in the case of special meetings when the notice shall be issued 3 days before the day fixed for the meeting.

18. Minutes of Meeting

The Committee shall nominate a member to record the minutes. The minutes of the meeting will be recorded in the minutes book and approved by the Chairman of the Management Committee. Annual reports and annual accounts shall be prepared and approved by the Management Committee.

19. Amendments

Amendments to the byelaw shall be approved by the CRMC by majority vote.

20. Examination of Records :

Divisional Forest Officer, Kozhikode will have the powers to examine the Records of CRMC and LRDC at any time and his directions for rectification shall be obeyed by

CRMC and LRDCs.

21. Disputes :

The Chairman of the CRMC has the power to deal with all disputes connected with CRMC and LRDC and take legal measure whenever necessary.

22. Advisory Committee :

To advise the Management Committee an advisory committee with the following members may be constituted. The advisory committee will meet once in a year or as may be necessary. The advisory committee will take stock of actions taken by the Management Committee to achieve the objective of Community Reserve and provide necessary guidance and advices to the Management Committee.

1. Conservator of Forests, Kannur - Chairman
2. District Collectors, Kozhikode and Malappuram - Members
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Kozhikode and Nilambur (North) - Members
4. Members of Parliament, Kozhikode and Malappuram - Members
5. Members of Legislative Assembly, Thirurangadi and Beypore - Members
6. Dr.S.Faizi, Consultant, Forest Department - Member
7. Panchayath Presidents, Kadalundi and Vallikunnu - Members
8. Ward Members of locality, Kadalundi and Vallikunnu Panchayaths - Members
9. Joint Director or Representative of Zoological Survey of India,
Kozhikode / / / Member
10. Director or Representative of CWRDM, Kozhikode - Member
11. Regional Director or Representative of CMFRI, Kozhikode - Member
12. Deputy Director, Agricultural Department, Kozhikode
and Malappuram - Member
13. Deputy Director, Fisheries, Kozhikode and Malappuram - Members
14. Two representatives of 2 NGOs working in Forestry and
environment sector based at Kozhikode and Malappuram - Members
15. Chairman, Management Committee, Community Reserve - Convener
16. Members of Management Committee, Community reserve - Members

17. Any other expert which the CRMC desires to invite.

23. Technical Committee

For technical support and sanctions for various activities implemented by Management Committee, a technical committee with following members is to be constituted.

1. Divisional Forest Officer, Kozhikode and Malappuram.
2. Range Officer, Thamarassery.
3. One member of Management Committee.
4. Chairman, Management Committee – Convener.
5. District officers of Agriculture, Fisheries, PWD and representatives of CWRDM, CESS, CMFRI, ZSI, Botanical Garden, Olavanna, Guo textiles, Botany and Zoology Department of Calicut University, Kottakkal Aryavaidyasala Research Centre.

By Order of the Governor

K.A. Antony

Additional Secretary

The Principal Chief Conservator Forests, Thiruvananthapuram
The Principal Chief Conservator Forests (Wild Life) and Chief Wild Life Warden
The Conservator of Forests, Kannur
The District Collector, Kozhikode/Malappuram
All members (through PCCF (Wild Life and Chief Wild Life Warden) /
SF/OC

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Section Officer