

THE WILD LIFE PROTECTION (KERALA AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2025

(As passed by the Assembly on the 8th day of October, 2025)

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to amend the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 in its application to the State of Kerala.

Preamble.—WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 in its application to the State of Kerala, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Seventy-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Wild Life Protection (Kerala Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Kerala.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 11.*—In section 11 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in sub-section (1),—

(1) in clause (a),—

(i) after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided also that where such a wild animal has attacked any person and caused or inflicted severe injuries to him, or such animal is found in a public place where people are usually gathered for various purposes or in a residential area, the Chief Wild Life Warden may, upon a report from the District Collector or a Chief Conservator of Forests, without delay, by order in writing and stating the reasons therefor, permit any person to kill, tranquilise, capture or translocate such animal or cause such animal to be killed, tranquilised, captured or translocated.”;

(ii) the existing Explanation shall be re-numbered as Explanation 2 thereof and before Explanation 2 as so re-numbered, the following Explanation shall be inserted, namely:—

“*Explanation 1.*—For the purposes of clause (a),—

(a) a wild animal becomes “dangerous to human life” when any such wild animal has attacked any person outside a forest or protected area or it is found in a residential area or agricultural area outside the boundary of the forest or protected area;

(b) the expression “residential area” means any geographical area where people reside.”;

(2) after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(c) The Chief Wild Life Warden may, if he is satisfied that the population of any wild animal specified in Schedule II has highly increased in any area and has become dangerous to human life or property (including standing crops on any land) take any suitable step for scientific management of such animals by way of population management without killing, by birth control or by translocation of such animal.”.

3. *Amendment of section 62.*—In section 62 of the principal Act, the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1) thereof and after the sub-section (1) as so numbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where the State Government is of the opinion that as per any scientific study report submitted by an expert body appointed by the Government and the report of the Chief Wild Life Warden, the population of any wild animal specified in Schedule II has become dangerous to human life or property (including standing crops on any land) outside the boundaries of forests or protected areas, the State Government may, by notification in the Gazette, declare any such animal to be vermin for any area in the State and for such period not exceeding six months at a time and such wild animal shall be deemed not to be included in Schedule II for such area and for such period as specified in the notification:

Provided that every such notification issued under sub-section (2) shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is issued, before the Legislative Assembly of the State, while it is in session, for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions.”

4. *Amendment of SCHEDULE-I.*—In SCHEDULE-I of the principal Act, in PART A: MAMMALS, under the heading 'PRIMATES', the serial number and entries “ 125. Bonnet Macaque *Macaca radiata*” shall be omitted.

5. *Amendment of SCHEDULE-II.*—In SCHEDULE-II of the principal Act, in PART A: MAMMALS, under the heading 'PRIMATES', after serial number 24 and entries against it, the following serial number and entries shall respectively be inserted, namely:—

“24A. Bonnet Macaque *Macaca radiata*”.
