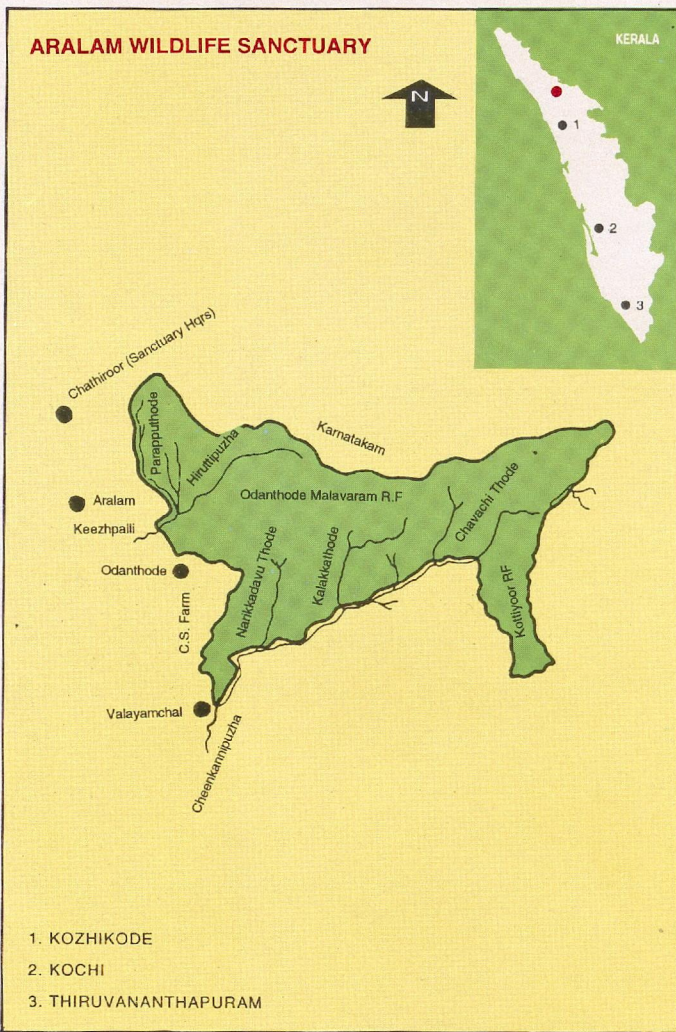


ARALAM  
WILDLIFE  
SANCTUARY

"Your greed is OUR grief, your name, OUR shame."  
(So lament the monkeys)



*The unwritten laws of nature are inviolable,  
more sacrosanct than any made by man.*



A mere 55 Sq. Kms in area and located on the western slopes of the Western Ghats, the Aralam Sanctuary is the northern most wildlife sanctuary of Kerala. It was established in 1984. The Head Quarters of the sanctuary is near Iritty, a small town about 55 km from Kannur. The sanctuary adjoins the Central State Farm at Aralam. It lies between North latitudes 11° 50' and 11° 52' and East longitudes 75° 49' and 75° 57'.

#### TOPOGRAPHY

The elevation varies from 50m to 1145m. The highest peak is Katti Betta, which is 1145 m high.

#### CLIMATE

The temperature at the foothills varies from 21° C to 40° C and at the higher reaches from 8° C to 25° C. The Sanctuary receives an annual rain fall of about 3,000 mm. The wettest part of the year is from June to August. (South-West monsoon).



#### FOREST TYPE

West coast tropical ever green and west coast semi-ever green forests are predominant. There are about 490ha of teak and eucalyptus plantations within the forest area.



Wild boar

#### FLORA

In the ever green areas the following species are found: vellapine (*Vateria indica*), mesua ferrea, *Mechilus macrantha*, *Calophyllum elatum*, *Cullenia rosayroona*, *Mangifera indica*, *Toona cillata*, *Myristica Species*, *Euphorbia Longana*, *Strobilanthes*.

The common trees in the semi-ever green areas are *Cinnamomum Zeylanicum*, *Hopea Parviflora*, *Largerstroemia lanceolata*, *Xylixylcarpa*, *Mallotus*, *Philippinensis*.



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## PRECAUTIONS IN THE JUNGLE

### Do's and Don'ts

1. Do not expect to see animals as a matter of routine. Be patient.
2. Silence and discipline pay. Control children.
3. Small groups are ideal.
4. Early mornings and late afternoons are best suited to visiting forests.
5. Do not travel alone, especially in Elephant Reserves.
6. Do not wear colourful clothes and perfumes.
7. Carry drinking water, tea/coffee, snacks etc.
8. Seek the assistance of a forest guard while going into the forests.
  9. Do not disturb or tease animals.
  10. Trekkers must use jungle boots for safety.
  11. Carry medicines for common ailments.
  12. Avoid smoking.
13. Radios and Taperecorders are better left behind.
14. Do not throw litter around including food.
15. Respect animals and their customs.
16. Do not take away anything from the sanctuary.
17. Carry a note book, flash light, road maps, bus, train and airline time-tables.
18. Do not swim in unfamiliar waters.
19. Be careful during a boat ride. Don't do anything that can rock the boat. Don't bend to touch the water.
20. Travel light, and do not carry any valuables except cameras or binoculars.



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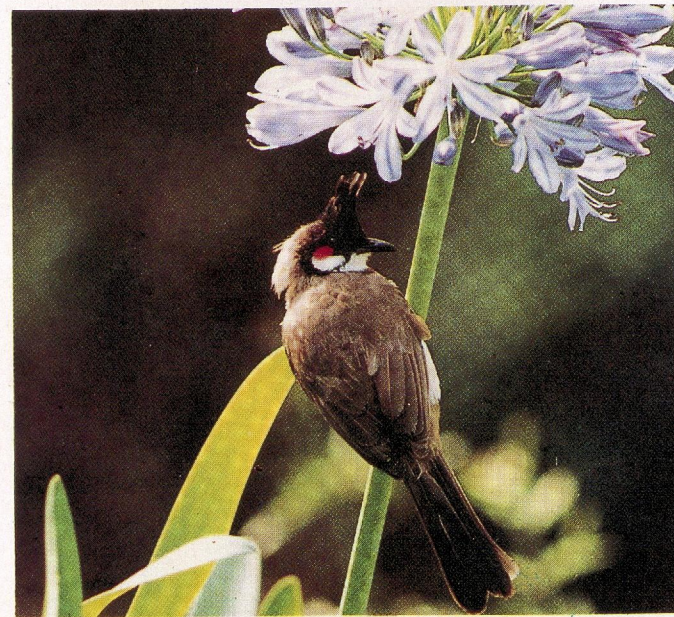
A variety of animals and birds usually found in the Western Ghats are seen here. Different kinds of deer, boar, elephant, and bison are quite common. Leopard, Jungle cat and various types of Squirrels are sighted.



Tailed Jay

## ADMINISTRATION

The Sanctuary comes under the Wayanad division with Head Quarters at Sulthanbathery. The Sanctuary is under the direct charge of an Assistant Wildlife Warden whose office is at Chathiroor near Irtutti.



Redwhiskered Bulbul



Whitebreasted Kingfisher

## WILDLIFE TOURISM

One can reach the Aralam Sanctuary by road from Thalasseri (45 km) and Kannur (45 km). The nearest Railway station is Thalasseri and the nearest Air port Kozhikode, 113 km from Irtutti. The infrastructure for tourism development is limited at present but steps are being taken by the Forest Department to improve the situation.



Honey time

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