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The Chief Wildlife Warden,  
Department of Forest and Wildlife,  
Forest Headquarter, Vazhuthacaud,  
Thiruvananthapuram – 695 014, Kerala  
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**Subject:- Renewal of recognition of Malampuzha Snake Park, Palakkad, Kerala, under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - regarding**

**Reference:**

1. This Office letter No. 7-10/2020-CZA(PART-I) dated 25.08.2020
2. Application fee vide letter No.A1-4980/2018 dated 08.09.2021 from the DFO, Palakkad
3. Application vide letter No.A1-4980/2018 dated 07.05.2022 from the DFO, Palakkad
4. Letter No.G1-4980/18(A1) dated 17.08.2022 from the DFO, Palakkad
5. This office letter no. 21-1/2021-CZA dated 07.01.2024
6. This office letter no. 158516 dated 29.05.2024
7. This office letter no. 19-225/93-CZA(142)(NE) dated 03.12.2025

Sir/Madam,

With reference to above, the recognition of the Malampuzha Snake Park, Palakkad, Kerala, under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, was valid till August 19, 2021. Application for renewal of recognition was received in this office on May 9, 2022. Dr. N Krishna Kumar, IFS (Retd.) was deputed to evaluate the zoo on December 5-6, 2025. Copy of the Evaluation Report is enclosed herewith for your perusal and needful action.

Evaluation Report of the Malampuzha Snake Park, Palakkad, Kerala, was placed before the Technical Committee in its 117<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on January 16, 2026. The Technical Committee, after detailed deliberation, made its recommendation to the Central Zoo Authority. Subsequently, the Central Zoo Authority in its 43<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 has approved recommendation of the Technical Committee.

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As per provisions of sub-section (1), (3) and (4) of Section 38-H under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the period after August 19, 2021 is regularised and renewed the recognition of Malampuzha Snake Park, Palakkad, Kerala as a Mini Zoo for a period up to **February 3, 2029** subject to compliance with following conditions as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (RZR) and mid-term evaluation of the zoo.

Sr. No.	Norm No.	Particulars of conditions	Time Period to Comply
<b>1. General requirements</b>			
1.	1.3	Pathways can be highlighted with adequate signages.	6 months
2.	1.4 (a)	The boundary wall has to be painted and maintained well. Due to rains walls look dampy with mosses as green patches seen all over.	6 months
3.	1.7 (a)	The snake park has to have a solid waste management facility, a liquid waste management system, A storm water management plan in place without delay. Separate closed drains are to be provided in the service area. The service areas behind some enclosures are very cramped. The DFO Palakad informed that a lay out plan and master plan has been submitted to CZA and works will be implemented as per the approved plan.	6 months
4.	1.7 (c)	Dry leaves and debris are being collected heaped in one corner of the premises. There are no covered drains from animal houses. Taps are attached on the animal house walls making the service areas water logged and dampy.	6 months
5.	1.9	Yet around the clock vigil needed. The entrance to the Zoo and ticket counter is cramped. Stray animals should not get in through such areas.	Immediately
<b>2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>			
6.	2.2	The mini zoo and snake park has around 61 animals in a small area. The mini zoo needs the support of a biologist cum education officer.	3 months
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
7.	3.1 (a)	The DFO informed that Master Plan has been submitted to CZA but date of submission and details not furnished. The DFO may follow the proposals with CZA.	Immediately
8.	3.4	The zoo has an snake collection plan which is seen in the master plan submitted to CZA. The collection plan has to be got approved by CZA.	Immediately
9.	3.5 (c)	The snake park needs to develop and establish quarantine and Isolation areas.	1 year
<b>4. Animal Housing, display of animals &amp; animal enclosures</b>			
10.	4.2	Some of the enclosures can be merged to gain larger space and floor area for the snakes to move freely. Some old enclosures can be dismantled and animal friendly houses planned. The king cobra, Rat snake, vine snake, water snake housing areas have to be increased. A single crocodile housed for years in an old enclosures has to be sent to the Puthur zoo or other zoo facilities with the approval of	1 year

		competent authorities and such spaces adequately redesigned for snakes.	
11.	4.3 (a)	The service areas are cramped for animal keepers. Some enclosures are to be redesigned for animals to express their best behaviour. The narrow service areas for keepers have to be enlarged. A linear water trough is designed in front of the animal houses. This linear water trough is lined fully with glazed tiles. The purpose of it is not known. They have to be closed and hedges developed in these areas. The lengthy water troughs in front of the snake houses are also glazed and look like ditches in front of the animal houses.	6 months
12.	4.6(a)	More enrichment needed within the enclosures.	Immediately
13.	4.10(a)	All signages need improvement, wayside signages, Animal information boards are obsolete. There is good opportunity for providing excellent information. Latest information on each species with details have to be provided to attract the visitors.	6 months
<b>5. Upkeep and Health of animals</b>			
14.	5.1 (C)	No enclosure has food bowls. Water bowls are provided in some enclosures. Food and water bowls should be provided in all enclosures.	Immediately
15.	5.1 (e)	Perches of Pythons in the large enclosure has to be cleaned and maintained better.	Immediately
16.	5.1 (g)	This is needed in all enclosures where poisonous snakes are maintained and exhibited.	6 months
17.	5.1 (h)	Footbath has to be provided in multiple places, on pathways leading to service areas and visitor areas.	Immediately
18.	5.2.3	There is only one refrigerator. One more fridge can be purchased for storing food and medicines separately.	Immediately
19.	5.3.3	The veterinary officers have to maintain detailed records of snakes. The vaccination schedules, de worming schedules have to be placed in prominent places for the Zoo staff, keepers to see and act.	6 months
20.	5.3.5	A biologist to be appointed immediately to record such observations.	Immediately
21.	5.3.8	An MoU can be signed with the local Veterinary University or government hospital for better health management of snakes.	Immediately
<b>6. Veterinary and Infrastructure Facilities</b>			
22.	6.1 (a)	The snake park needs a separate facility a room space to store medicines and as animal treatment room.	Immediately
23.	6.1(k)	This snake park does not have a treatment room. This is urgently needed.	3 months
<b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals</b>			
24.	9.4 (b)	A crocodile has been maintained for long in the snake park.	Immediately
25.	9.10	A disaster management plan has to be prepared.	6 months
<b>11. Education and outreach activities</b>			

26.	11.1(a)	This has good scope to impart excellent education. A generally neat and clean snake park. Education and outreach can be more organized. The scope is immense. A zoo education officer and Biologist can be engaged immediately. The educational signages are not enough. An Amphitheater and education hall needs to be built to provide continuous education to students. The snake park should tie up with local colleges and schools for imparting education on snakes.	9 months
27.	11.(b)	Not to standards, the signages have to be fully improved to impart good education on reptiles and Herpetofauna. The walking path need signages. A dedicated website can be developed along with other digital platforms.	6 months
<b>12. Visitor Facilities</b>			
28.	12.1	Visitor amenities need improvement. The entrance to the park is very cramped. There are no sitting benches within the park. At least one more toilet is needed within the zoo. There is only one toilet for use by staff and visitors. There should be attractions to allow the visitors to spend more time within the park.	6 months
29.	12.2	One kit is available. One more can be purchased. Antivenom should be stored separately in a refrigerator.	Immediately

A half-yearly compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid conditions shall be submitted by the zoo.

The Malampuzha Snake Park, Palakkad, Kerala shall comply with such standards and norms as are or may be specified or imposed, by or under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 or the rules made thereunder, and the zoo operator shall comply with the directions and guidelines issued by the Central Zoo Authority from time to time, for the purpose of maintenance and upkeep of the zoo.

The renewal of recognition of the Malampuzha Snake Park, Palakkad, Kerala for period beyond February 3, 2029 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition of the Malampuzha Snake Park, Palakkad, Kerala shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

This is for your information and appropriate action.

**Encl: As above**

Yours sincerely

(**डॉ. वी क्लेमेंट बेन / Dr. V. Clement Ben**)  
सदस्य सचिव / **Member Secretary**

**Copy for information / necessary action to:**

1. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Kerala, Department of Forest and Wildlife, Room No.403, 4th Floor, Annex – I, Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, e-mail: prlsecy.forest@kerala.gov.in [Zoo Operator of the Malampuzha Snake Park, Malampuzha, Kerala, under Rule 2(m)(III) in the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009]
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Palakkad Division, Kallekulangara P.O., Palakkad – 678009, Kerala, e- mail: dfo-plkd.for@kerala.gov.in ; dfoplkd@gmail.com
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Central Zoo Authority

**By Post / E-mail**

F. No. 19-225/93-CZA(142)(NS) / 133 / 2019

Date: 18.01.2019

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
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**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Snake Park, Malampuzha, Kerala for period beyond 23.08.2018 under Section 38H(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.**

**Ref:-**

1. This office letter F. No. 19-225/93-CZA(142)(AK)/2668/2016, dated 22.09.2016.
2. Your Office letter no. A1-4980/2018, dated 18.07.2018
3. This office letter F. No. 19-225/93-CZA(142)(AK)/041/2019, dated 04.01.2019

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondences. It is to inform that the evaluation of Snake Park, Malampuzha, Kerala was carried out by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, Central Zoo Authority on 16.07.2018. The evaluation report of the Snake Park, Malampuzha, Kerala was considered by the Technical Committee in its 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 28.09.2018. After detailed deliberations, the Technical Committee recommended to the CZA for renewal of recognition of the Snake Park, Malampuzha, Kerala for a period of one year. A copy of the evaluation report is enclosed with this letter for your perusal and needful action.

The recommendations of the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee held on 28.09.2018 were placed before the Central Zoo Authority in its 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 19.11.2018. The members approved the recommendation of the Technical Committee and decided to grant renewal of recognition to the Snake Park, Malampuzha, Kerala under Section 38H(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

The renewal of recognition to the Snake Park, Malampuzha, Kerala as a "Mini Category Zoo" as per the provisions of Section 38H(1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 28.09.2019 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the **Recognition of Zoo Rules (RZR), 2009** and mid-term evaluation, and to regularise the period after 23.08.2018:-

Sr. No	Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time Period to Comply
<b>1. General requirements</b>			
1	10.1(3)	Visitors' movement should be regulated. It should be ensured that visitors' path should not exceed 25% of the periphery of the enclosure. This is to ensure adequate withdrawal area to the animal.	Immediately.
<b>2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>			
2	10.2(1)	The Snake Park should have full time Officer In-Charge. The Range Officer who is in charge of the park has been assigned other forest areas also under his duties.  The Zoo Operator should depute a whole time in-charge for the Snake Park. It is informed during evaluation that the Officer in-charge of the Zoo visits the zoo twice in a month. Zoo with such large animal collection with minimal infrastructure demands continuous monitoring and surveillance.	Immediately.
3	10.2(2)	The Snake Park should appoint a Veterinary Officer to oversee the health of the snakes or should have an arrangement with a Veterinary Officer to visit the Snake Park.	Immediately
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
4	10.3(7) & 10.3(8)	<p>I. The Snake Park operator should report the acquisition of rescued animals to the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW) of the State and the CZA.</p> <p>II. The Snake Park should obtain approval of the following snakes acquired during 2017-2018 from CWLW, Kerala and CZA:-</p> <p>Indian cobra 250:0 King Cobra 5:0 Python 20:10 Rat Snake 200:20 Russel viper 60:17 Indian krait 7:0 Sand boa 10:5 Snake vine 5:0</p> <p>III. Further the Snake Park has been housing number of turtles species without being part of inventory. The species need to be identified and should be brought as part of inventory and necessary approval papers should have produced for the acquisition of the turtles.</p> <p>IV. The Zoo Operator should submit a report to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State indicating source, legality of acquisition and infrastructure available for housing, upkeep and healthcare of the animals acquired. Copy</p>	<p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p>

		of the same should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority as there are many of them are endangered species. Further, the Zoo should not acquire any rescued animals as it lacks adequate infrastructure.	
		v. The rescued animals should not be housed on display to the public. The Snake Park should have quarantine and isolation area for the snakes at the park.	Immediately
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
5	10.4(2)	The Snake Park has been keeping the King cobra in 10'x 10' enclosure and does not meet the standards and norms as of prescribed by the CZA and rest of the snakes are housed in the 2x2 mt (4 square meter enclosure).	Six months
6	10.4(3)	I. The Snake Park has not ensured the safety and security of the animals and animal keepers. Since the Snake Park is handling with poisonous snake, it should be ensured with immediate effect.  II. The sand burrowing snakes (San boa) are not being provided enough sand to burrow inside the paddock.	Immediately  Immediately
7	10.4(6)	The Snake Park should enrich the snake exhibits at the Snake Park.	Three months
8	10.4(9)	The Snake Park should provide stand-off barrier for the snake exhibits.	Six months
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
9	10.5(9)	The staffs working with Snake Park should be screened for zoonotic diseases.	Immediately
10	10.5(10)	The Snake Park should maintain Keepers Diary, Daily Report, Animal History Card, Treatment Card, Post Mortem Records, Feeding Schedule in the format as of prescribed by the CZA.	Immediately
<b>6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities</b>			
11	10.6(1)	The Snake Park should have a veterinary unit with basic facilities for the treatment of snakes.	Immediately
12	10.6(2)	The Snake Park should have an appropriate post-mortem room.	Immediately
<b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals</b>			
13	10.9(3)	The snakes housed at the Snake Park are not sexed. The same should be sexed immediately.	Immediately
<b>11. Maintenance of Records and submission of Inventory</b>			
14	11(1)	The Snake Park should maintain the Post Mortem Reports of the animals which dies at the Snake Park.	Immediately
<b>Others</b>			
15	1.	There has been electric line passing through the snake park, and not safe for the visitors and animals.	With immediate effect
16	2.	The Snake Park should send their keepers for training organized by the CZA in the region or any other training	Three months

		programme organized by the State Govt. of Kerala.	
17	3.	The Snake Park officer in-charge may be asked to visit the Snake Park being developed at Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajkot and Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad.	Three months
18	4.	The plastic pots are being provided inside the paddock for snakes. The same should have got replaced by earthen pots. These pots get heated during the summer and water also gets heated. Further, the use of plastic should be avoided.	With immediate effect.
19	5.	The Snake Park has multiple snake exhibit for the single species. This should be avoided.	Immediately

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

The renewal of recognition to the Snake Park, Malampuzha, Kerala for period beyond 28.09.2019 as a "Mini Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Snake Park, Malampuzha, Kerala shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time, if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours sincerely

**Encl. As above**

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(Dr. Anup Kumar Nayak)  
Member Secretary

**Copy to:-**

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2. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Forest and Wildlife, Govt. of Kerala, Van Laxmi Forest Headquarter, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram – 695014. (Kerala). E-mail: cww@forest.kerala.gov.in
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## Central Zoo Authority



BY REGD. POST/E-MAIL

F.No.19-225/93-CZA(142)(AK)/2668/2016

DATE: 22.09.2016

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Palakkad Forest Division,  
Palakkad - 9. (Kerala)

**Subject:- Renewal of recognition of Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad, Kerala as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for period beyond 30.04.2015 - regarding**

**Reference:-**

1. Application vide letter No.O2-1204/2001 dated 14.09.2015 from the Divisional Forest Officer, Palakkad
2. This office letter F.No.19-225/93-CZA(142)(M)/2583 dated 10.04.2013

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad, Kerala was carried out by Shri Arun R.S, IFS on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. The evaluation report of the Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad, as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant conditional renewal of recognition for a period of two years. The renewal of recognition of Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad as "a Mini Category Zoo" as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Conditions Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
<b>1.General requirements</b>			
1	1(3)	The Snake Park should be closed for visitors for at least one day in a week.	Immediately
<b>3.Development and Planning</b>			
2	3(1)	Master Plan of the Snake Park should be prepared and got approved from Central Zoo Authority immediately.	Two months
3	3(6)	The Snake Park should prepare animal collection plan.	Two months
4	3(8)	Rescued animals should be rehabilitated properly following the guidelines of CZA and IUCN. Such animals should be rehabilitated with prior information to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.	Immediately

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4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5	4(2) & 4(8)	No new enclosure for reptiles should be constructed without obtaining prior approval of the enclosure's design from the Central Zoo Authority.	Immediately
6	4(3)	Footbath of adequate size should be provided at entry and exist points of enclosures.	One month
7	4(6)	Enclosures for all animals should be enriched to meet the species specific behavioural requirement in accordance with the prescribed standards of CZA.	Two months
8	4(7)	Shrubs and natural shade loving species should be planted to reduce visibility between the enclosures and to have more naturalistic appearance.	Six months
5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals			
9	5(10)	Records like Animal History Card, Keeper's Diary and Daily Reports should be maintained in format as prescribed by the CZA.	Immediately
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
10	9(4)	Single Crocodile should be either paired or transferred to a recognized zoo in consultation with the Central Zoo Authority and the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.	Six months
12. Visitors facilities			
11	12(3)	Provision of wheel chairs & ramps for physically disabled persons should be provided.	Three months

Further, it is to inform that the recognition granted to Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad for period up to 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018 is subject to compliance with above conditions.

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

The renewal of recognition of Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad for period beyond 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018 as "a Mini Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition of Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully



(Dr. D.N. Singh)  
Member Secretary

**Copy to:-**

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Kerala, Forest Headquarter, Vazhuthacaud, Trivandrum – 695 014. (Kerala); E-mail:- cwlw.for@kerala.gov.in; pccf.for@kerala.gov.in – for information and with a request that the conditions stipulated may be got implemented
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**THROUGH REGISTERED POST**

**F. No. 19-225/93-CZA(142)(M)/2583**

**DATE: 10.04.2013**

To

The Divisional Forest Officer  
Palakkad Division,  
Palakkad – 9 (Kerala).

**Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to Snake Park, Malampuzha under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.04.2013.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 02.1204/2011 dated 12.03.2013 seeking renewal of recognition to Snake Park, Malampuzha under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.04.2013.

The evaluation of the Snake Park, Malampuzha was carried out by Dr. B. Trinadha Rao on 1<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013. The evaluation report of Snake Park, Malampuzha as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 65<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Snake Park, Malampuzha as "a Mini Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30.04.2015 subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The Forest Department of Kerala should acquire the additional land of 33 cents from the irrigation department.
- (ii) The number of species should be reduced (as per collection plan).
- (iii) Improve the quality of display. The size of animal exhibits should be as prescribed by Central Zoo Authority only.
- (iv) Provide the animal enrichment to all the animal exhibits.

and compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
1.	3.1	There is a little scope to expand the area. However, during 2010, Sh. P. S. Mani DFO, Palakkad has informed that the irrigation department has set aside same 33 cents for further extension and development of the Snake Park. Efforts should be made to acquire the land so that	Within 2 months

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		new enclosures can be constructed with the approval of the Master Plan by CZA.	
		The Master Plan of the Snake Park shall have to be got approved urgently.	Immediately
<b>11. Education and Research activities</b>			
2.	11.1& 2	(1) The Snake Park should endeavour to educate the visitors to the zoo and the people at large about the significance of wildlife conservation for the general well being of the people and keeping the life support system of nature intact and the efforts shall be made to make people aware about the role played by the zoos in this regard and the ways and means through which general public can participate and contribute for the same.  (2) No physical handling or performances of Snakes is permitted as part of educational activity.	With immediate effect  With immediate effect
<b>12. Visitors facilities</b>			
3.	12.1	(1) Every zoo operator shall provide adequate civic facilities for visitors at appropriate and convenient places in the zoo including for physically disadvantaged persons and such facilities shall be so located that they do not mask or impact the view of enclosures.  (2) Every zoo shall have first aid facilities including snake anti-venom and life saving drugs, readily available in the zoo premises.  (3) Every zoo shall make arrangements for providing access to the handicapped persons for viewing wild animals at various animal enclosures.	With immediate effect  With immediate effect  Within three months
<b>11. Maintenance of Records and submission of inventory report</b>			
4.	11.1	The Snake Park should maintain record of the births, acquisitions, deaths and disposals of animals of each species in its collection in the manner and in the format determined by the Central Zoo Authority and the inventory of the animals in the collection of each zoo, along with the details mentioned above for each financial year shall be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority by 30 <sup>th</sup> day of April of the ensuing year in Form II.  Provided that the details in respect of the animals pertaining to the species included in Schedule I and Schedule II to the Act, along with the detailed reasons of death identified on the basis of the post-mortem examination reports shall be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority every quarter, within a period of fifteen days of the end of that quarter.	With immediate effect

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

Grant of recognition to Snake Park, Malampuzha beyond 31.04.2015 as "a Mini Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Snake Park, Malampuzha shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.


A copy of evaluation report is also enclosed herewith for your ready reference to improve the conditions of Zoo.

**Yours faithfully,  
sd/-  
(B. S. Bonal)  
Member Secretary**

**Encl: evaluation report**

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram for favour of information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA



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**Central Zoo Authority**



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To

The Divisional Forest Officer  
Palakkad Division,  
Palakkad - 9 (Kerala).

**Sub:- Renewal of Recognition to the Snake Park, Malampuzha beyond the period of 31.03.2010 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 02.1204/2001 dated 05.02.2011, seeking renewal of recognition to Snake Park, Malampuzha beyond the period of 31.03.2010 under Section 38 H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act.

The evaluation of the Snake Park, Malampuzha was carried out on 18.01.2011 by Sh. B. G. Mugadur. The evaluation report of the Snake Park as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Snake Park, Malampuzha as a Mini category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009:-

Norm No.	Conditions to be Complied	Time Period
<b>1. General requirements</b>		
1	The size of the snake enclosures are very small and not in accordance with prescribed norms of CZA. Even the front glasses of the enclosures are not properly maintained and the snakes kept in the enclosures are not visible clearly. The revised design should be prepared and submitted to CZA for its approval.	One year
2	The Snake Park should landscape the area by planting appropriate species of trees and provide naturalistic environment within the zoo.	Within three months
5	The compound wall is in dilapidated condition and the height of the wall is below the permissible limit of 2 meters atleast. The same should be strengthened.	With immediate effect

7	The solid waste should be dumped in hygienic way.	With immediate effect.
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>		
2	The available enclosures for housing the snakes are very small particularly for King cobra and the movement of these reptiles is restricted to a greater extent. The size of enclosures and other infrastructure facilities should be as per the norms and guidelines prescribed by the CZA.	Within six months
6	The enclosures should be enriched to meet the species specific behavioral requirement of the animals in accordance with the prescribed standards of CZA.	With immediate effect
9	The stand off barriers at every animal display enclosure to regulate the movement of visitors should be provided. The same should not restricts viewing of snakes.	With immediate effect
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>		
2	The water containers in every animal enclosure require frequent cleaning.	With immediate effect
4	There are no feeding cells provided as per the standards specified by the CZA. To have separate feeding cells in the existing enclosures which are below standard size and dimension.	With immediate effect
8	The animals housed at Snake Park shall be screened for parasitic loads as per written schedule prepared by the zoo in consultation with the veterinary officer and prophylactic medicine administered as per clinical requirements and vaccination of animals against infectious diseases shall also be done, as per the schedule prescribed by the Veterinary Officer from time to time.	With immediate effect
9	All staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of Snake Park animals shall be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year and those found positive to any communicable disease shall be provided appropriate treatment till they get cured and freed of the infection and during the period of such treatment, the infected employees shall be kept away from the responsibility of upkeep and healthcare of the animals.	With immediate effect
10	The Snake Park shall maintain detailed records of observations of biological and social behavior and health status of the animals including feed intake, medication and treatment provided in the keeper's diary, daily reports, animal history cards and treatment cards, as per the standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
<b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals</b>		
4	The single crocodile to be shifted to a recognized zoo and the King cobras if at all to be housed, they are to be housed in bigger enclosures as per the requirement with all infrastructure provisions. Or else they have to be shifted other recognized zoos in consultation with CZA.	With immediate effect


10	The existing enclosures are to be properly safeguarded against escape of animals.	With immediate effect.
<b>11. Education and outreach activities</b>		
1	In the present circumstances the snake park is absolutely not efficient to educate the visitors particularly the students about the importance of eco-system and conservation of wild animals, usefulness of reptiles in the field of agriculture in keeping down the menace of rat population. Efforts should be made to educate the public and school children with the importance of conservation by rebuilding the rescue centre as per the standards norms as early as possible.	With immediate effect.
<b>12. Visitors facilities</b>		
1	The Snake Park Operator shall provide adequate civic facilities for visitors at appropriate and convenient places in the zoo including for physically disadvantaged persons and such facilities shall be so located that they do not mask or impact the view of enclosures.	Within three months
3	The Snake Park should make arrangements for providing access to the handicapped persons for viewing wild animals at various animal enclosures.	With immediate effect

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

Grant of recognition to Snake Park, Malampuzha beyond 31<sup>st</sup> April, 2013 as "a Mini Category Zoo", would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Snake Park, Malampuzha shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully,



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Member Secretary

Copy to:

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram for favour of information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. Sh. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA

