

ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.FSOID/R/P/25/00014

Applicant Name Georgekutty Thomas
Text of Application Please find attachment
Reply of Application please find attachment

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	17/07/2025	Sugandha Srivastava-(CPIO)	
2	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	17/07/2025	Sugandha Srivastava-(CPIO)	

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30/06/2025

From,

Georgekutty Thomas
Kinattukara House
Kalaketty P.O
Pinnakanadu, Kottayam
Kerala

Date- 30-06-2025

To

The Public Information Officer
Forest Survey of India
Kaulagarh Road, Dehradun - 248195
Uttarakhand

We have provided the
information. Pl check.

As
07/07/25

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Subject: Reminder Regarding RTI Application dated 22/05/2025 -
Concerning CHR Sketch of Kerala

Ref: RTI Application submitted on 22/05/2025 by Georgekutty Thomas

Sir/Madam,

I, Georgekutty Thomas, a resident of Kinattukara House, Kalaketty P.O, would like to bring to your kind attention that I had submitted an application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 on **22nd May 2025** seeking information regarding the approved/authenticated sketch or map of the **Cardamom Hill Reserve (CHR)** in the state of Kerala.

As per Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, it is mandated that the Public Information Officer (PIO) shall respond to the RTI application within **30 days** of its receipt. However, as of **30th June 2025**, no response has been received from your office.

I kindly request you to expedite the processing of the above-mentioned RTI application and furnish the information at the earliest. In case the information is not available with your office, I request that the application be forwarded to the concerned authority under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, with due intimation to me.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be highly appreciated.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Georgekutty Thomas.


30/06/2025

Enclosed : Application dated
22/05/2025 for your
kindly reference -

Ph: 9447766840

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22/05/2025

From,

Georgekutty Thomas
Kinattukara House
Kalaketty (P.O)
Pinnakanadu-Kottayam
Pin-686508

To

The Public Information Officer
Forest Survey of India
Kaulagarh Road, P.O. IPE,
Dehradun - 248195
Uttarakhand, India

Date: 22/05/2025]

Subject: Request for information under RTI Act, 2005 - Availability of
Approved Sketch of Cardamom Hill Reserve, Idukki District, Kerala

Respected Sir/Madam,

I, **Georgekutty Thomas**, a resident of **Kinattukara House, Kalaketty P.O, Pinnakanadu**, am filing this application under **Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005**. The subject of my query concerns the **Cardamom Hill Reserve (CHR)**, a reserve forest located in **Idukki District of Kerala**.

INFORMATION SOUGHT:

1. **Does the Forest Survey of India (FSI) possess any officially approved and notified sketch, map, or demarcation drawing of the Cardamom Hill Reserve (CHR), Idukki District, Kerala?**
 - o If yes, kindly provide a **certified copy** of the approved sketch/map along with relevant details such as:
 - The date of approval
 - The approving authority
 - Any government order or notification under which the sketch was approved
2. **Has the Forest Department of Kerala or any other state/central agency ever submitted any sketch, map, or diagram of the**

Cardamom Hill Reserve to the Forest Survey of India for validation reference, record, or inclusion in any official report or mapping exercise?

- o If yes, please provide a copy of such sketch/map along with a note on whether it was considered officially approved by FSI.

3. Is it mandatory for state forest departments to submit officially approved sketches of reserve forests like CHR to the Forest Survey of India for record-keeping or national forest inventory purposes?

- o If so, kindly provide the guidelines, rules, or communications that govern this process.

4. Has the Cardamom Hill Reserve been demarcated on any forest cover maps or forest inventory data published by the Forest Survey of India?

- o If yes, please provide relevant documents, map extracts, or survey references showing CHR.

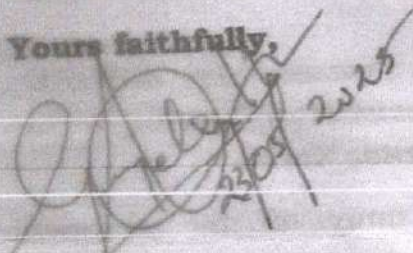
Application Fee:

Enclosed is the application fee of ₹10/- through [Indian Postal Order /

If this matter does not fall within your jurisdiction, kindly transfer the application under **Section 6(3)** of the RTI Act to the concerned authority and inform me accordingly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



Georgekutty Thomas
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SPEED POST
RTI Matter

No- 13/02-2025-RTI- 1276
Government of India
Forest Survey of India
IPO- Kaulagarh Road, Dehradun-248195

Dated- 9 July, 2025

To

Sh. Georgekutty Thomas
Kinattukara House,
Kalaketty (P.O.),
Pinnakanadu-Kottayam-686508,
Kerala.

Sub- Information under RTI Act, 2005.

Ref: - Your RTI application reminder letter dated 30.06.2025.

Sir,

With reference to the above subject, it is informed that the information requested by your letter has been sent on 27/06/2025.

Enc:- As above

Yours sincerely,

Sugandha Srivastava

(Sugandha Srivastava)

CPIO

Phone No: 0135-2753138

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for 08/07/25



Dr. SANJAYAN KUMAR, IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests (IT)

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests(IT),
III Floor, Vanalakshmi, Forest Headquarters
Vazhuthacadu,
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Dated: 22-01-2024

To

The Joint Director,
Forest Survey of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Kaulagrah Road P.O, IPE, Dehradun - 248195.
email : jdnfdmc@fsi.nic.in

Sir,

Sub: - Kerala Forest Department - Sharing of Recorded Forest area
(RFA) Shape files with World Database on Protected Areas
(WDPA) - reg.

- Ref:-
1. That office letter No 22-44-3/2022-FGD-1189 dated, 23/11/2023.
 2. Meeting held by MoEFCC on 15.01.2024 in hybrid mode

Kind attention is invited to the subject and references cited above. The spatial data of Recorded Forest Area along with the five mandatory attributes requested as per reference (1) & (2) cited above is enclosed herewith for further necessary action. It is also informed that the shape file of Recorded Forest Area of the State is generated by digitizing the Survey of Indias Toposheets of 1970s for reference purpose and are not verified on ground.

Enclosure : As mentioned above

Yours faithfully,

Chief Conservator of Forests (IT)

Copy submitted to: PCCF (Forest Management), Kerala for information and further necessary action



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(भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय)
(Govt. of India, Ministry Of Environment, Forest & Climate Change)

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Dehradun - 248195

No. 22-443/2022-FGD -1189

Dated: 23 November, 2023

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & (HoFF)
Kerala State Forest Department
III Floor, Vanalakshmi Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud
Thriuvananthapuram - 695014

Sub: Sharing of Recorded Forest Area (RFA) Shape files with World Database On Protected Areas (WDPA).

Ref: MoEF letter No. 8/34/2020-21/EI-Part (1) dated 19.10.2023 received from Raghu Prasad, IGF

Sir,

The data of Protected Areas of a country are calculated from World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA). As per the data available on WDPA portal, only 7.25% of the Geographical area of India is under Protected Areas which is far from the figure of 23.58% under RFA to be factored as PA. In order to reflect the factual data of Recorded Forest Area (RFA) and improve the country's rank, it is required to update the WDPA data base with all available shape files of RFA.

The spatial data (shape files) of Recorded Forest Area (RFA) from all the States/UTs along with a following mandatory attributes (as mentioned in table below) need to be shared with WDPA to update this database.

S.NO	ATTRIBUTE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOWED VALUES
1.	NAME	Name assigned to the polygon in legal texts or by its governance authority	Name of the Forest Block
2.	DESIG	The designation of the site	Protected Forests (PF), Reserved Forests (RF) and Unclassed Forests (UF)
3.	REP AREA	Reported Area in Square kilometres.	Area of each polygon in square kilometres
4.	STATUS YR	Identifies the year in which a site's status (STATUS field) came into.	(YYYY) Year of notification (either initial or final notification) of the forest block

The above attribute information is to be completed w.r.t the RFA shapefile of your state/UT. For this, the latest RFA boundary received from your state is being sent back to you. You are requested to incorporate the above info for **ALL** available polygons of the RFA and send the updated shapefile back to us **urgently**, as the information is to be updated by FSI in the WDPA database for all States by 30th November 2023, as directed by the MoEF&CC (Ref).

Kindly treat the above task as MOST URGENT.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

(Meera Iyer)

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Joint Director (FGD)