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# PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL Government Notifications

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# THE FAUNA AND FLORA PROTECTION ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 469)

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation under Section 71 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) read with Sections 2C, 5 and 5A of that Ordinance.

MAHINDA AMARAWEERA, Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,

Colombo, 3rd August, 2022.

# Regulations

The Fauna and Flora Regulations 1938, published in *Gazette Extraordinary*, No. 8366 of April 29, 1938 as last amended by Regulations published in *Gazette Extraordinary*, No. 1612/37 of July 31, 2009 are hereby further amended as follows: -



1A- PG 5913 - 606 (08/2022) This Gazette Extraordinary can be downloaded from www.documents.gov.lk (1) by the repeal of regulation 4 thereof and the substitution therefor of the following regulation: -

"4. (1) Every person who enters a National Park, Marine National Park, Nature Reserve or Marine Reserve (hereinafter categorically referred to as a "National Reserve") falling within Category I, Category II or Category III as set out in Schedule I hereto, shall pay an entry fee at such rates as specified in Column II or Column III as the case may be of Schedule II hereto in respect of the categories of tourists as specified in Column I of that Schedule.

(2) The Director-General or an officer authorized by him shall issue a permit to a person who pays the required fee to enter any such National Reserve as specified under Category I, Category II or Category III of Schedule I hereto and such permit shall contain the terms and conditions subject to which it is issued, which terms and conditions shall be as specified in the Schedule VIII hereto.

(3) A permit issued under preceding sub regulation (2) shall be valid only to enter the relevant National Reserve on a single occasion.

(4) The Director-General may from time to time designate any National Reserve specified in these regulations to carry out tourist activities during daytime or daytime and nighttime. The period of time for visiting a National Reserve during day time shall be from 06.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. and the period of time for visiting a National Reserve during day and night shall be from 6.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.

(5) Any tourist or a group of tourists who intends to obtain accommodation in a circuit bungalow or a campsite specified in Schedule III hereto, shall pay a fee for such accommodation and services as set out in Schedule IV hereto and if such circuit bungalow or a campsite is situated within a National Reserve, shall pay a fee for entering vehicles to the National Reserve as set out in Schedule V hereto.

(6) A circuit bungalow or a campsite shall be reserved for a tourist group only for a maximum of three consecutive days.

(7) The Director-General may from time to time vary the category of a circuit bungalow specified under Schedule III hereto and he may also include new circuit bungalows to the said Schedule and when doing so, he may determine the category to which such circuit bungalows belong.

(8) A tourist who intends to engage in any activity specified under Schedule VI hereto, shall pay the corresponding fee specified thereunder.

(9) For the purpose of charging fees under these regulations, tourists referred to in sub regulation (1) are categorized as specified under Schedule VII hereto.

(10) For the purpose of ensuring that the provision of visitor services to any National Reserve shall not damage the ecosystem thereof as specified in section 2C of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and also for the purpose of managing the negative environmental impacts that may be caused by tourist activities, the Director-General may from time to time identify any period of time of any year as a "tourist season" taking into consideration the following matters: -

- (a) statistics on visiting of National Reserves by tourists;
- (b) nature of environmental impacts that may be caused by tourist activities; and
- (c) any other matter the Director-General may deem necessary under the relevant circumstances.

(11) All the charges specified in regulation 4 shall be subject to the taxes and charges imposed by the Government from time to time.

- (12) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-
  - "citizen of a SAARC country" means a citizen of a country which is a member of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation;
  - "foreign tour group" means a group consisting of at least one foreign tourist;
  - "local tour group" means a group of persons holding citizenship of Sri Lanka and may include a foreigner having a valid resident visa to reside in Sri Lanka and officers of foreign missions;
  - "off-season" means the period other than the period commencing from Unduwap full moon poya day in any year and ending on Vesak full moon poya day in the succeeding year;
  - "regular period" means the period of time of a year excluding the period identified as the tourist season by the Director-General under these regulations.

(13) The Regulations published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1612/37 of July 31, 2009 are hereby rescinded.

#### Schedule I

#### [regulation 4(1)]

#### **Categories of National Reserves**

Category	Name of the National Reserve
Category I	Ruhunu (Yala), Horton Plains, Uda Walawe, Minneriya, Pigeon Island, Wilpattu, Kaudulla, Yala Region VI (Lunugamvehera) and Adam's Bridge
Category II	Wasgamuwa, Angammadilla, Maduru Oya, Kumana, Chundikulam, Lahugala, Galoya, Bundala, Galwaysland
Category III	Other National Reserves and Sanctuaries which do not fall under Category I and Category II specified above.

#### Schedule II

#### [regulation 4(1)]

# **Entry Fees for National Reserves**

#### Entry Fees for a National Reserve of Category I

No.	Colu	emn I	Column II		Column III	
	Category of tourists		In Tourist Season		In Regular Period	
			Daytime Visit	Ovenight Stay	Daytime Visit	Overnight Stay
1.	Local	Adult Child Student	Rs. 150.00 Rs. 100.00 Rs. 20.00	Rs. 300.00 Rs. 200.00 Rs. 40.00	Rs. 120.00 Rs. 80.00 Rs. 20.00	Rs. 240.00 Rs. 160.00 Rs. 40.00

No.	Colu	ımn I	Colu	mn II	Colu	mn III
	Category of tourists		In Touri	st Season	In Regular Period	
			Daytime Visit	Ovenight Stay	Daytime Visit	Overnight Stay
2.	Foreign	Adult	25 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	50 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	20 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	40 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees
		Child	15 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	30 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	10 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	20 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees
3.	For citizens of SAARC countries	Adult	20 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	40 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	15 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	30 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees
		Child	10 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	20 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	8 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	16 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees

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# Entry Fees for a National Reserve of Category II

No.	Column I Category of tourists		Column II Fee			
			Daytime Visit	Overnight Stay		
1.	Local	Adult	Rs. 60.00	Rs. 120.00		
		Child	Rs. 30.00	Rs. 60.00		
		Student	Rs. 20.00	Rs. 40.00		
2.	Foreign	Adult	12 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	24 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees		
		Child	6 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	12 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees		
3.	For citizens of SAARC countries	Adult	10 U.S. Dollarsor its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	20 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees		
		Child	5 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	10 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees		

# Entry Fees for a National Reserve of Category III

No.	Column I Category of tourists		Column II Fee		
			Daytime Visit	Overnight Stay	
1.	Local	Adult	Rs. 40.00	Rs. 80.00	
		Child	Rs. 20.00	Rs. 40.00	
		Student	Rs. 20.00	Rs. 40.00	
2.	Foreign	Adult	5 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	10 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	
		Child	3 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	6 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	
3.	For citizens of SAARC	Adult	4 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	8 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	
	countries	Child	2 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	4 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	

#### Schedule III

## [regulation 4(5)]

# **Categories of Circuit Bungalows**

Category	Name of the Circuit Bungalow
Ι	Pahala hentota, Parana thotupala, Ginihiriya.
II	Wana Niwahana – Maduru Oya, Wana Niwahana –Horton Plains, Wana Niwahana –Wilpattu, Wana Niwahana –Yala, Wana Niwahana –Ritigala
III	Weheragala, Talgahadigana, Galwewa, Rathmalwewa
IV	Old Buthawa, New Buthawa, Warahana, Mahaseelawa, Heenwewa, Thalgasmankada, Ondachchi, Dambakote, Menikwila, Lunuwewa, Mahawewa (Wilpattu), Thalawila, Manawila, Panikkawila, Kokmote, Rambawila, Gonawiddagala, Thimbiriyamankada,
V	Pokunuthanna, Meniksorowwa Weewala, Thummulla, Chundikulam, Mahawewa (Lahugala), Inginiyagala, Mahaweli, Wawulabe, Kandurupitiya, Angammadilla, Endaruetamulla, Maduruoya, Ekgaloya, Mahaeliya, Seenuggala, weheragolla and all other circuit bungalows which are not falling under categories I, II, III, IV and VI.
VI	Mahakanadarawa, Kirigalbe, Nilgala, Mahadivulwewa, Gale Bangalawa, Kuda gal amuna

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Category of National Reserve which is a National Park	National Park	Camp Ground
Category I	Yala	Jamburagala, Kosgasmankada, Kuda Galamuna 1, Kuda Galamuna 2, Neganiyantota, Nugasewana, Meegassewana, Warahana, Thalgasmankada, Sam Alapatha, Alikatupalassa
	Uda Walawe	Pranshadhara, Alimankada, Pilimaddara, Raangala, Demodara
	Horton Plains	Camp site1, Camp site 2, Camp site 3
	Wilpattu	Kokmote I, Kokmote II, Mailawewa
	Kaudulla	Olumaluwa, Kumbuksewana, Welioya, Galoya
	Kumana	Heraligasara, Adakumbuka 1, Adakubuka 2, Gal Amuna, Moyakata, Nelumpath Pokuna
Category II	Wasgamuwa	Mahaweli 1, Mahaweli 2, Medapitiya 1, Medapitiya 2, Ulpath Hatha, Wawulabe, Hatharamanhandiya
	Maduruoya	Kadupaharaella, Hot Water Wells, Padipela, Thudawa
	Angammadille	Rajabamma, Mahaiyawa
	Lunugamwehera	Pahala Pawwewa, Bolhindagala
	Galoya	Parawiyanara, Mahadorowwa, Kossapola, Buruluoya, Diggahamulla, Medapitiya
	Lahugala	Karandaoya, Kithulanagala, Bandarapattiya
	Bundala	Pathiraja, Palugasmandiya
	Galwaysland	Galwaysland and camp sites located within a National Reserve which is a National Park which does not belong to Category I specified above.
	Other camp sites situated with	· ·

# Categories of Camp Sites within a National Reserve which is a National Park

#### SCHEDULE IV

#### [regulation 4(5)]

#### Fees chargeable for Circuit Bungalows

#### Fees Chargeable for Circuit Bungalows of Category I

	For one overnight stay		For two overnight stay		For three overnight stay	
Fees	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist
Lodging Fees	Rs. 15,000.00	15 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	Rs. 30,000.00	30 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	Rs. 45,000.00	45 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees
Linen Fees	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00

#### Additional Fee Payable on behalf of each excess tourist

	For one overnight stay	For two overnight stay	For three overnight stay
Lodging Fees	Rs. 1000.00	Rs. 2000.00	Rs. 3000.00
Linen Fees	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 250.00

# Fees Chargeable for Circuit Bungalows of Category II

	For one overnight stay		For two overnight stays		For three overnight stays	
Fees	For twenty five local tourists	For one foreign tourist	For twenty five local tourists	For one foreign tourist	For twenty five local tourists	For one foreign tourist
Lodging Fees	Rs. 7000.00	15 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	Rs. 14000.00	30 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees	Rs. 21000.00	45 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees
Linen Fees	Rs. 6250.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 6250.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 6250.00	Rs. 250.00

#### Fees Chargeable for Circuit Bungalows of Category III

	For one overn	ight stay	For two overn	ight stay	For three over	night stay
Fees	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist
Lodging Fees	Rs. 6000.00	15 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	Rs. 12,000.00	30 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	Rs. 18,000.00	45 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees
Linen Fees	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00

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	For one overnight stay	For two overnight stay	For three overnight stay
Lodging Fees	Rs. 1000.00	Rs. 2000.00	Rs. 3000.00
Linen Fees	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 250.00

# Additional Fee Payable on behalf of each excess tourist

#### Fees Chargeable for Circuit Bungalows of Category IV

	For one ov	ernight stay	For two ove	ernight stays	For three ov	ernight stays
Fees	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist
Lodging Fees	Rs. 6000.00	15 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	Rs. 12000.00	30 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	Rs. 18000.00	45 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees
Linen Fees	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00

# Fees Chargeable for Circuit Bungalows of Category V

	For one or	vernight stay	For two over	ernight stays	For three ou	vernight stays
Fees	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist
Lodging Fees	Rs. 5000.00	15 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	Rs. 10000.00	30 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	Rs.15,000.00	45 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees
Linen Fees	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00

#### Fees Chargeable for Circuit Bungalows of Category VI

	For one ov	vernight stay	For two ove	ernight stays	For three ove	ernight stays
Fees	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist	For ten local tourists	For one foreign tourist
Lodging Fees	Rs. 4000.00	15 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	Rs. 8000.00	30 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees	Rs. 12,000.00	45 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees
Linen Fees	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 2500.00	Rs. 250.00

#### Fees Chargeable for Camp Sites in a National Reserve of Category I

No.	Column I Category of Tourists	Column II Lodging Fee
1.	Local tour group or locally resident tour group (for maximum ten persons)	Rs. 1500.00
2.	Foreign tour group (for maximum ten persons)	15 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees

# Fees Chargeable for Camp Sites in a National Reserve of Category II

No.	Column I Category of Tourists	Column II Lodging Fee
1.	Local tour group or locally resident tour group (for maximum ten persons)	Rs. 1000.00
2.	Foreign tour group (for maximum ten persons)	10 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lanka Rupees

#### Fees Chargeable for Tourist Services within any National Reserve

No.	Column I Category of tourists	Column II Applicable Fee (Per Vehicle)
1.	Visit during day time – Local tour group (per one vehicle)	Rs. 400.00
2.	Visit during day time – Foreign tour group (per one vehicle)	10.00 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees
3.	Overnight stay in camp ground – Local tour group	Rs. 500.00
4.	Overnight stay in a camp ground – Foreign tour group	12 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees
5.	Overnight stay in a circuit bungalow or a wana nivahana – Local tour group	Rs. 1000.00
6.	Overnight stay in a circuit Bungalow or a wana nivahana – Foreign tour group	15 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees (charged per each person separately)
7.	Touring nature trails of Sri Pada during off season – Local tour group consisting of ten persons	Rs. 1000.00 (Rs. 100.00 per each additional person)
8.	Touring nature trails of Sri Pada during off season – Foreign tour group consisting of ten persons	10 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees (1 U.S. Dollar per each additional person)

\* A service charge shall not be charged for entry into Galways Land and Horagolla National Parks during day time.

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#### SCHEDULE V

#### [regulation 4(5)]

#### Fees in respect of Vehicles for entry into a National Reserve

Column I Category of Vehicles	Column II Applicable Fee
	Rs. Cents.
Car or Boat	Rs. 150.00
Jeep, Van or Double Cab	Rs. 300.00
Bus or Lorry	Rs. 500.00

#### SCHEDULE VI

[regulation 4(8)]

#### **Other Tourist Activities**

# Fees Chargeable for Visiting Eth Athuru Sevana

No	Column I Category of tourists	Column II Applicable fee (per visit)
1.	Local adult or locally resident adult	Rs. 100.00
2.	Local child	Rs. 50.00
3.	School or university students (per student)	Rs. 20.00
4.	Foreign adult	5 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees
5.	Foreign child	3 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees
6.	For adult of a SAARC country	4 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees
7.	For child of a SAARC country	2 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees

# Fees Chargeable for Diving, Watching Underwater in the Ocean from surface (snorkeling) and Kite Surfing in any National Reserve

No.	Column I Category of Tourists	Column II Applicable Fee (per single visit)
1.	Local adult	Rs. 300.00
2.	Foreign adult	5 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees

No.	Column I Category of tourists	Column II Applicable Fee (per single visit)
1.	Local adult or Locally resident adult	Rs. 40.00
2.	Local child	Rs. 20.00
3.	Foreign adult	2 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees
4.	Foreign child	1 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees.

# Fees Chargeable for visiting Wildlife Museums for which fees are charged

# Fees Chargeable for Motor Boat Tours

Column I	Column II
Category of tourists	Applicable Fee (per single visit)
Local or Foreign adult or child	Rs. 1000.00 (for a tour group consisting of maximum eight persons)

#### Fees Chargeable for Paddle Boat Tours in a National Reserve

Column I Category of tourists	Column II Applicable fee (per person)
Local or Foreign adult or child	Rs. 250.00 (per hour)

# Fees Chargeable for Touring of Nature Trails of Sri Padha Reserve during off- seasons.

No.	Column I Category of Tourists	Column II Applicable Fee
1.	Local adult or locally resident adult	Rs. 40.00
2.	Local child	Rs. 20.00
3.	Foreign adult	5 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees
4.	Foreign child	3 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees
5.	For adult of a SAARC country	4 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees
6.	For child of a SAARC country	2 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees

# Fees Chargeable to visit Turtle Conservation Centers governed under the Department of Wildlife Conservation

No.	Column I Category of Tourists	Column II Applicable Fee (per single visit)
1.	Local adult or locally resident adult	Rs. 40.00
2.	Local child	Rs. 20.00
3.	Foreign adult	5 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees
4.	Foreign child	3 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees
5.	For adult of a SAARC country	4 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees
6.	For child of a SAARC country	2 U.S. Dollars or its equivalent in Sri Lankan Rupees

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#### Fees Chargeable to enter Yala Zone No. 2

Column I	Column II
Category tourists	Applicable Fee (per single visit)
A group consisting of ten local or foreign tourists	Rs. 5000.00

#### Schedule VII

#### [regulation 4(9)]

# **Categories of Tourists**

Age	Category of tourist
Above 12 years of age	Adult
Between 6-12 years of age	Child
Below 6 years of age	Free of charge
Students of Government or Government approved Schools, Universities or Technical Colleges of Sri Lanka	Students (when wearing uniforms or possessing identity cards or producing a letter of the head of the relevant educational institution)

#### SCHEDULE VIII

[regulation 4(2)]

#### **Conditions Applicable to Permits Issued**

- 1. The permit shall not be transferable.
- 2. Persons intending to enter any National Reserve shall prior to entering the same, provide all the details required including the name, number of identity documents (NIC/Passport/NDL), address and contact number to the entry point of the relevant National Reserve.
- 3. Any person not possessing any identity document shall not be permitted to enter any National Reserve.
- 4. When there are more than ten persons, each person shall have to apply for a separate Permit. In calculating the ten persons, the driver of the vehicle shall be counted as one person.
- 5. The Permit shall be available for inspection by officers of the Department of Wildlife Conservation at all times.
- 6. The permit holders shall always remain with the officer assigned to them by the officer-in-charge of the relevant National Reserve.
- 7. The speed limit of a vehicle within a National Reserve shall not exceed 20 kilometres per hour.
- 8. Every person who has been granted permission to enter a National Reserve specified in these regulations shall ensure not to cause any nuisance or disturbance in any manner within such National Reserve.
- 9. Every tourist service provider who provides tourist services including vehicles to tourists who intend to visit any National Reserve specified in these regulations, shall ensure that the visitors obtaining his services are complying with the above mentioned conditions. If any visitor fails to comply with such conditions and the relevant service provider is unable to provide a satisfactory explanation for such failure at any inquiry conducted by the Director-General relating to same, the Director-General may prohibit vehicles of such service provider from entering the National Reserve for a period of not less than six months from the date of such inquiry.

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