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A CHECKLIST OF REPTILES OF KERALA, INDIA

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Abstract: A checklist of reptiles of Kerala State is presented, along with their Scientific, English and Malayalam names, endemic status, conservation status in the latest IUCN Red List category, different Schedules of Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act and the Appendices of CITES. A total of 173 species under 24 families belonging to three orders are recorded from Kerala. Of these, 87 species are endemic to the Western Ghats, which include the 10 Kerala endemics. Of the 173 species, 23 are listed in the various threatened categories of IUCN.

Keywords: CITES, Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, Malayalam name, vernacular name, Western Ghats.

Research on reptiles in India dates back to more than 200 years, coinciding with the formation of the erstwhile British East India Company. The monumental works on Indian reptiles are *Catalogue of the Reptiles inhabiting the Peninsular of India* (Jerdon 1853), *The Reptiles of British India* (Gunther 1864), *Fauna of British India - Reptilia and Batrachia* (Boulenger 1890) and the three volume series of *The Fauna of British India including Ceylon and Burma, including the whole of Indo-Chinese sub-region* (Smith 1931, 1935, 1943). The work of Smith stood the test of time and forms the standard work

on this subject including the Kerala region. Since the publications of above cited works, our knowledge on the reptile fauna of the region has been enriched further by the publications of Sharma (1998, 2002, 2007), Inger et al. (1984), Rajendran (1985), Murthy (1981, 1985), Tikader & Sharma (1992), Das (1997, 2002, 2003), Molur & Walker (1998), Daniel (2002), Whitaker & Captain (2004), Vogel & Van Rooijen (2009), Vasudevan (2009), Chandramouli & Ganesh (2010), Venugopal (2010), Ganesh & Chandramouli (2013), Srinivasulu et al. (2014) and Ganesh et al. (2014). Altogether 518 species of reptiles have been reported from India (Aengals et al. 2011). A few more species have been reported from India since then (Smith et al. 2012; Harikrishnan et al. 2013; Aengals & Ganesh 2013; Vogel & Ganesh 2013; Cyriac & Umesh 2014; Mirza & Sanap 2014; Mirza et al. 2014; Amarasinghe et al. 2015; Guptha et al. 2015; Ágarwal & Karanth 2015).

In Kerala, reptiles comprise poorly studied classes of vertebrates. Though there have been a few attempts to study reptiles in Kerala (Beddome 1878, 1886; Boulenger



Ahaetulla perroteti
Bronze-headed Vine Snake

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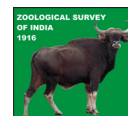
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1890; Ferguson 1895; Wall 1905, 1918; Murthy 1981; Inger et al. 1984; Radhakrishnan 1996, 1997; Thomas et al. 1997; Thomas & Easa 1997; Joseph & Easa 1997; Zacharias 1997; Easa 1998; Abraham et al. 1999; Ajith 2000; Palot & Radhakrishnan 2002, 2003, 2004; Chandramouli & Ganesh 2010; Cyriac et al. 2011; Jins et al. 2014). A book on the *Snakes of Kerala* in Malayalam by Adiyodi (1965) is the first published work pertaining to the snakes of the state. The first comprehensive checklist on the reptilian fauna of the State was compiled by Radhakrishnan (1997) who listed 169 species. Subsequently, Palot & Radhakrishnan (2003) compiled a checklist of vernacular names of snakes of Kerala. Further, as part of biodiversity documentation, the Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI) published a series of checklists on the biodiversity of the State including reptiles (Easa & Ramachandran 2004). More recently, Palot & Radhakrishnan (2011) updated the checklist of reptiles of Kerala by listing 173 species from the region.

In recent years, there has been a revival of interest in research on the reptilian fauna of the State, with several new species' descriptions from the region (Manamendra-Aracchi et al. 2007; Gower & Winkler 2007; Vogel & van Rooijen 2011; Cyriac & Umesh 2014). For the compilation of this checklist, the works of Smith (1931, 1935, 1943), Tikader & Shrama (1992), Daniel (2002), Das (2002), Whitaker & Captain (2004), Venugopal (2010) and Aengals et al. (2011) were also referred to.

The current checklist of Kerala are represented by 173 species in 24 families under three orders (Table 1). Of these, 87 species are endemic to the Western Ghats, which include 10 species endemic to Kerala. The taxonomy and nomenclature follow Uetz & Hosek (2015) while the vernacular names have been taken from various sources (Adiyodi 1965; Radhakrishnan 1997; Palot & Radhakrishnan 2004; 2011). Marine reptiles in the list are indicated in blue colour.

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Table 1. The checklist of reptiles of Kerala

English Name	Species Name	Authority	Malayalam Name	Vernacular Name	IUCN	END	WPA	CITES
I. ORDER CROCODYLIA								
1. Family Crocodylidae (crocodiles)								
1. Estuarine Crocodile (Salt-water Crocodile) ¹⁾	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>	Schneider, 1801	കായൽ മുതല	Kāyāl Mutala	LC		Sch. I	App. I
2. Mugger (Marsh Crocodile)	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	(Lesson, 1831)	ചീങ്കണ്ണി	Chīṅkaṅṅi	VU		Sch. I	App. I
II. ORDER TESTUDINES								
2. Family Geoemydidae (turtles & terrapins)								
3. Cochin Forest Cane Turtle (Kerala Forest Terrapin, Kavalai Forest Turtle) ²⁾	<i>Vijayachelys silvatica</i>	(Henderson, 1912)	ചുരലം	Chūralāma	EN	WG	Sch. I	App. II
4. Indian Black Turtle (Indian Pond Terrapin)	<i>Melanochelys trijuga</i>	(Schweigger, 1812)	കരം	Kaaraama	NT			App. II
3. Family Cheloniidae (sea turtles)								
5. Green Sea Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	പച്ച കടലം	Paccha Kaṭalāma	EN		Sch. I	App. I
6. Hawksbill Sea Turtle (Hawksbill Turtle)	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	(Linnaeus, 1766)	ചുണ്ടൻ കടലം	Chunṅaṅ Kaṭalāma	CR		Sch. I	App. I
7. Olive Ridley Sea Turtle (Pacific Ridley Turtle)	<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	(Eschscholtz, 1829)	കടലം	Kaṭalāma	VU		Sch. I	App. I
4. Family Dermochelyidae (leatherback turtles)								
8. Leatherback Sea Turtle (Luth, Leathery Turtle)	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	(Vandelli, 1761)	മേകലം	Kolāma	VU		Sch. I	App. I
5. Family Testudinidae (tortoises)								
9. Indian Star Tortoise (Indian Starred Tortoise)	<i>Geochelone elegans</i>	(Schoepff, 1795)	നക്ഷത്ര തുമ	Nakṣhatra Āma	LC		Sch. IV	App. II
10. Travancore Tortoise (Forsten's Tortoise)	<i>Indotestudo travancorica</i>	(Boulenger, 1907)	കാട്ടം	Kāṭṭāma	VU	WG	Sch. IV	App. II
6. Family Trionychidae (softshell turtles)								
11. Leith's Softshell Turtle ³⁾	<i>Nilssonia leithii</i>	(Gray, 1872)	മെയ്ത്തിൻറെ തുമ	Leytṅire Āma	VU		Sch. IV	App. II
12. Indian Flapshell Turtle (Indian fap-shelled Turtle)	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>	(Bonnaterre, 1789)	പെട്ടണം / പലം	Veljāma / Pālāma	LC		Sch. I	App. II
13. Asian Giant Softshell Turtle (Cantor's Giant Softshell Turtle)	<i>Pelochelys cantorii</i>	Gray, 1864	ഭീമം	Bhīmanāma	EN		Sch. I	App. II
14. Indian Narrow-headed Softshell Turtle (Narrow-headed Softshell Turtle) ⁴⁾	<i>Chitra indica</i>	(Gray, 1831)	ചിത്രം	Citravāma	EN		Sch. IV	App. I
III. ORDER SQUAMATA								
7. Family Agamidae (lizards)								
15. Common Green Forest Lizard (Southern Green Calotes)	<i>Calotes calotes</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	പച്ചയടൻ	Pacchayont	NE			
16. Large-scaled Forest Lizard (Large-scaled Calotes)	<i>Calotes grandisquamis</i>	Günther, 1875	കാട്ടു പച്ചയടൻ	Kāṭṭu Pacchayont	LC	WG		
17. Nilgiri Forest Lizard	<i>Calotes nemoralis</i>	Jerdon, 1853	നീലഗിരി ഓൻ	Nilagiri Ōnt	LC	WG		

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18	Elliot's Forest Lizard	<i>Calotes ellioti</i>	Günther, 1864	മുളളാണ്ട്	Mullont	LC	WG		
19	Roux's Forest Lizard (Roux's Forest Calotes) ⁵	<i>Calotes rouxii</i>	Duméril & Bibron, 1837	രോക്സിൻറെ ഓണ്ട്	Roksinre Önt	LC			
20	Indian Garden Lizard (Oriental Garden Lizard)	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>	(Daudin, 1802)	ഓണ്ട്	Önt	NE			
21	South Indian Flying Lizard (Draco) ⁵	<i>Draco dussumieri</i>	Duméril & Bibron, 1837	പാടയാണ്ട്	Paṭayont	LC			
22	Indian Kangaroo Lizard ⁶	<i>Otocryptis beddomei</i>	Boulenger, 1885	കങ്കാരൂ ഓണ്ട്	Kankāru Önt	EN	WG		
23	Blanford's Rock Agama	<i>Psammophilus blanfordianus</i>	(Stoliczka, 1871)	കുന്റൻ പാറയാണ്ട്	Kūnan Pārayont	LC			
24	South Indian Rock Agama	<i>Psammophilus dorsalis</i>	(Gray, 1831)	പാറയാണ്ട്	Pārayont	LC			
25	Anamalai Spiny Lizard (Anamalai Salea) ⁷	<i>Salea anamallayana</i>	(Beddome, 1878)	ആനമലയാണ്ട്	Anamalayont	LC	WG		
26	Horsfield's Spiny Lizard (Nilgiri Salea) ⁸	<i>Salea horsfieldii</i>	Gray, 1845	നീലഗിരി മലയാണ്ട്	Nilagiri Malayont	LC	WG		
27	Fan-throated Lizard ³¹	<i>Sitana ponticeriana</i>	Cuvier, 1829	ചങ്കരയാണ്ട്	Chhanganont	LC			
	8. Family Chamaeleonidae (chamaeleons)								
28	Indian Chamaeleon	<i>Chamaeleo zeylanicus</i>	Laurenti, 1768	മരയാണ്ട്	Marayont	NE		Sch. II	
	9. Family Gekkonidae (geckoes)								
29	Beddome's Day Gecko ⁷	<i>Cnemaspis beddomei</i>	(Theobald, 1876)	ബെഡോമിൻറെ മരപ്പല്ല	Bedominre Marappalli	DD	WG		
30	Slender Day Gecko ⁸	<i>Cnemaspis gracilis</i>	(Beddome, 1870)	പൊന്നൻമരപ്പല്ല	Ponnan Marappalli	LC	WG		
31	Indian Day Gecko	<i>Cnemaspis indica</i>	Gray, 1846	ഇന്ത്യൻ മരപ്പല്ല	Indian Marappalli	VU	WG		
32	Kottiyur Day Gecko	<i>Cnemaspis kottiyorensis</i>	Cyril & Umesh, 2014	കൊട്ടിയൂർ മരപ്പല്ല	Kottiyūr Marappalli	NE	KL		
33	Coastal Day Gecko ⁹	<i>Cnemaspis littoralis</i>	(Jerdon, 1854)	നാട്ടു മരപ്പല്ല	Nāttumarappalli	DD	WG		
34	Mountain Day Gecko ¹⁰	<i>Cnemaspis monticola</i>	Manamendra-Arachchi, Batuwita & Pethiyagoda, 2007	മല മരപ്പല്ല	Mala Marappalli	DD	KL		
35	Ponmudi Day Gecko ⁷	<i>Cnemaspis nairi</i>	Inger, Marx & Koshy, 1984	പൊന്മുടി മരപ്പല്ല	Ponmuṭi Marappalli	NT	WG		
36	Nilgiri Day Gecko ¹¹	<i>Cnemaspis nilagirica</i>	Manamendra-Arachchi, Batuwita & Pethiyagoda, 2007	നീലഗിരി മരപ്പല്ല	Nilagiri Marappalli	DD	WG		
37	Ornate Day Gecko (Ornate Dwarf Gecko) ⁷	<i>Cnemaspis ornata</i>	(Beddome, 1870)	സ്വർണമരപ്പല്ല	Svarṇa Marappalli	NT	WG		
38	Sispara Day Gecko ⁸	<i>Cnemaspis sisparensis</i>	(Theobald, 1876)	സിസ്പാറമരപ്പല്ല	Sispara Marappalli	NT	WG		
39	Waynad Day Gecko	<i>Cnemaspis wynadensis</i>	(Beddome, 1870)	വയനാടൻ മരപ്പല്ല	Vayanāṭan Marappalli	EN	KL		
40	Kollegal Ground Gecko (Forest Spotted Gecko) ³²	<i>Gekkoella kollegalensis</i>	(Beddome, 1870)	കെല്ലെഗൽ തറപ്പല്ല	Kellegal Tarappalli	LC			
41	Four-clawed Gecko (Stump-toed Gecko)	<i>Gehyra mutilata</i>	(Wiegmann, 1834)	കുട്ടിവിരലൻ പല്ല	Kuṭṭiviralan Palli	NE			
42	Anamalai Gecko ³²	<i>Dravidogecko anamallensis</i>	(Günther, 1875)	ആനമല പല്ല	Ānamala Palli	NT	WG		
43	Brook's House Gecko (Spotted House Gecko)	<i>Hemidactylus brookii</i>	Gray, 1845	വീട്ടു പല്ല	Vīṭṭu Palli	NE			

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44	Asian House Gecko (Common House Gecko)	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>	Schlegel, 1836	നാട്ടു പല്ലി	Nāṭṭu Palli	LC			
45	Bark Gecko (Lesschenault's Leaf-toed Gecko)	<i>Hemidactylus leschenaultii</i>	Duméril & Bibron, 1836	ചിത്രകൻ പല്ലി	Chitrakan Palli	LC			
46	Spotted House Gecko (Spotted Leaf-toed Gecko)	<i>Hemidactylus maculatus</i>	Duméril & Bibron, 1836	പുള്ളി പല്ലി	Pullji Palli	LC			
47	Prashad's Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus prashadi</i>	Smith, 1935	പ്രശാദി പല്ലി	Prasadi Palli	LC	WG		
48	Reticulated Gecko (Reticulated Leaf-toed Gecko) ^{3, 34}	<i>Hemidactylus reticulatus</i>	Beddome, 1870	വരയൻ പല്ലി	Varayan Palli	LC			
49	Termite Hill Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus triedrus</i>	(Daudin, 1802)	ചിത്തൽ പല്ലി	Chital Palli	NE			
	10. Family Lacertidae (lacertas)								
50	Beddome's Lacerta ¹⁹	<i>Ophisops beddomei</i>	(Jerdon, 1870)	ബെഡോമിൻറെ മണലരണ	Beddominre Manalarana	LC			
51	Leschenault's Lacerta	<i>Ophisops leschenaultii</i>	(Milne-Edwards, 1829)	ലെഷ്നോൾട്ടിൻറെ മണലരണ	Leṣṭhāṭṭinre Manalarana	NE			
	11. Family Scincidae (skinks)								
52	Blue-bellied Tree Skink (Boulenger's Tree Skink) ⁷	<i>Dasia subcaeruleum</i>	(Boulenger, 1891)	നീലവയറൻ മരയരണ	Niṭiavayan Marayarana	EN	WG		
53	Beddome's Grass Skink (Beddome's Skink)	<i>Eutropis beddomei</i>	(Jerdon, 1870)	ബെഡോമിൻറെ അരണ	Beddominre Arana	NE			
54	Bibron's Seashore Skink	<i>Eutropis bibronii</i>	(Gray, 1838)	കടലരണ	Katalarana	LC			
55	Common Keeled Skink	<i>Eutropis carinata</i>	(Schneider, 1801)	അരണ	Arana	LC			
56	Mountain Skink (Inger's Ponnudi Skink)	<i>Eutropis ciliocola</i>	(Inger, Shaffer Koshiy & Bakke, 1984)	പൊന്മുട്ടി അരണ	Ponmuṭṭi Arana	EN	KL		
57	Bronze Grass Skink (Bronze Skink)	<i>Eutropis macularia</i>	(Blyth, 1853)	ചെമ്പൻ അരണ	Chempan Arana	NE			
58	White-spotted Supple Skink	<i>Lygosoma albopunctata</i>	(Gray, 1846)	വെൻപൊട്ടൻ പാമ്പരണ	Venpoṭṭan Pāmparana	NE			
59	Spotted Supple Skink (Common Snake Skink)	<i>Lygosoma punctata</i>	(Gmelin, 1799)	പാമ്പരണ	Pāmparana	NE			
60	Beddome's Cat Skink (Beddome's Ristella)	<i>Ristella beddomei</i>	Boulenger, 1887	ബെഡോമി പുള്ളിയരണ	Beddomi Pūchayarana	LC	WG		
61	Günther's Cat Skink (Günther's Ristella) ⁷	<i>Ristella guentheri</i>	Boulenger, 1887	ഗുൻതർ പുള്ളിയരണ	Gunter Pūchayarana	DD	WG		
62	Rurk's Cat Skink (Rurk's Ristella) ⁷	<i>Ristella rurkii</i>	Gray, 1839	റൂർക്ക് പുള്ളിയരണ	Rurkk Pūchayarana	VU	WG		
63	Travancore Cat Skink (Travancore Ristella) ⁷	<i>Ristella travancorica</i>	(Beddome, 1870)	ട്രാവൻകൂർ പുള്ളിയരണ	Trāvankūr Pūchayarana	DD	WG		
64	Beddome's Ground Skink ¹⁴	<i>Kaestlea beddomei</i>	(Boulenger, 1887)	ബെഡോമി മന്നരണ	Beddomi Mannarana	LC	WG		
65	Two-lined Ground Skink ¹⁵	<i>Kaestlea bilineata</i>	(Gray, 1846)	ഇരുവരയൻ മന്നരണ	Iruvarayan Mannarana	LC	WG		
66	Side-spotted Ground Skink ⁷	<i>Kaestlea laterimaculata</i>	(Boulenger, 1887)	പുള്ളി മന്നരണ	Pullji Mannarana	VU	WG		
67	Travancore Ground Skink ⁷	<i>Kaestlea travancorica</i>	(Beddome, 1870)	ട്രാവൻകൂർ മന്നരണ	Trāvankūr Mannarana	LC	WG		
68	Palmi Hills Ground Skink ⁷	<i>Kaestlea palmica</i>	(Boettger, 1892)	പശ്ശി മന്നരണ	Pazhani Mannarana	DD	WG		

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69	Dussumier's Litter Skink (Dussumier's Forest Skink) ⁸	<i>Sphenomorphus dussumieri</i>	(Duméril & Bibron, 1839)	കാട്ടുതേ	Kāṭṭarāna	LC	WG		
70	Earless Skink (Five-fingered Skink) ¹⁶	<i>Chalcides peritadactylus</i>	(Beddome, 1870)	പഞ്ചവിന്ദിതലർ അരണ	Pañchavirālan Arāna	DD	KL		
71	12. Family Varanidae (monitor lizards)								
	Bengal Monitor (Indian Monitor)	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>	(Daudin, 1802)	ഉടുമ്പ്	Utump	LC		Sch. I	App. I
	13. Family Typhlopidae (worm snakes)								
72	Brahminy Worm Snake	<i>Indotyphlops braminus</i>	(Daudin, 1803)	കുരുടൻ പാമ്പ്	Kuruṭan Pāmp	NE		Sch. IV	
73	Beaked Worm Snake (Beaked Blind Snake)	<i>Grypotyphlops acutus</i>	(Dumeril & Bibron, 1844)	കൊക്കുരുട്ടി പാമ്പ്	Kokkurutti Pāmp	LC		Sch. IV	
	14. Family Gerrhophilidae (worm snakes)								
74	Thurston's Worm Snake ¹⁷	<i>Gerrhopilus thurstoni</i>	Boettger, 1890	അമ്മിഞ്ഞിക്കുട്ടിയൻ പാമ്പ്	Am'miñnikuṭṭiyan Pāmp	DD	WG	Sch. IV	
75	Tindall's Worm Snake ¹⁷	<i>Gerrhopilus tindalli</i>	(Smith, 1943)	തിണ്ടൽ കുരുട്ടിപാമ്പ്	Tiñṭal Kuruṭṭipāmp	DD	WG	Sch. IV	
76	Beddome's Worm Snake	<i>Gerrhopilus beddomii</i>	(Boulenger, 1890)	ബെട്റ്റ്ഡോമി കുരുട്ടിപാമ്പ്	Beḍomī Kuruṭṭipāmp	DD	WG	Sch. IV	
	15. Family Uropeltidae (shieldtails)								
77	Pied-belly Shieldtail (Beddome's Black Earth Snake)	<i>Melanophidium punctatum</i>	Beddome, 1871	മേലിപ്പാലൻ പാമ്പ്	Mēlīvālan Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
78	Yellow-striped Shieldtail (Two-lined Black Earth Snake) ¹⁷	<i>Melanophidium bilineatum</i>	Beddome, 1870	ഇരുവരയൻ പാമ്പ്	Iruvarayan Pāmp	VU	WG	Sch. IV	
79	Wynad Shieldtail (Indian Black Earth Snake) ¹⁴	<i>Melanophidium wynaudense</i>	(Beddome, 1863)	കാടൻ മേലിപ്പാലൻപാമ്പ്	Kāṭan Mēlīvālan Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
80	Three-lined Shieldtail (Lined Thorntail Snake) ⁷	<i>Platyplectrurus trilineatus</i>	(Beddome, 1867)	വരയൻ മേലിപ്പാലൻപാമ്പ്	Varayan Mēlīvālan Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
81	Three-lined Shieldtail ⁷	<i>Platyplectrurus madurensis</i>	Beddome, 1877	തവിട്ട് മേലിപ്പാലൻപാമ്പ്	Taviṭṭ Mēlīvālan Pāmp	EN	WG	Sch. IV	
82	Western Shieldtail (Purple-Red Earth Snake) ¹²	<i>Teretrurus sanguineus</i>	(Beddome, 1867)	ചെമ്മേലി വാലൻപാമ്പ്	Chem'mēlīvālan Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
83	Golden Shieldtail (Kerala Burrowing Snake) ¹⁸	<i>Plectrurus aureus</i>	Beddome, 1880	ചെമ്പ്ര കുന്തൻപാമ്പ്	Chemprakuman Pāmp	DD	KL	Sch. IV	
84	Purple Shieldtail (Gunther's Burrowing Snake) ¹⁹	<i>Plectrurus guentheri</i>	Beddome, 1863	പാണ്ടൻ മുൾവാലൻപാമ്പ്	Pāñṭan Muļvālan Pāmp	DD	WG	Sch. IV	
85	Perrotet's Shieldtail (Nilgiri Burrowing Snake) ⁸	<i>Plectrurus perroteti</i>	Duméril & Bibron, 1854	മുളളുവാലൻപാമ്പ്	Muļḷuḷuḷan Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
86	Wall's Shieldtail ⁷	<i>Brachyophidium rhodogaster</i>	Wall, 1921	ചെറുവാലൻ പാമ്പ്	Cheruvālayan Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
87	Elliot's Shieldtail (Elliot's Earth Snake)	<i>Uropeltis Ellioti</i>	(Gray, 1858)	ചെറുവാലൻ പാമ്പ്	Cheruvālayan Pāmp	LC		Sch. IV	
88	Cochin Shieldtail (Southern Earth Snake) ²⁰	<i>Uropeltis nitida</i>	(Beddome, 1878)	കരിമ്പലയൻ പാമ്പ്	Karimḷalayān Pāmp	DD	KL	Sch. IV	
89	Nilgiri Shieldtail (Ocellated Shieldtail)	<i>Uropeltis ocellata</i>	(Beddome, 1863)	ഇരുമ്പലയൻ മുൾവാലൻ	Iruṭampalayān Muļvālan	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
90	Beddome's Shieldtail (Beddome's Earth Snake) ²¹	<i>Uropeltis beddomii</i>	(Gunther, 1862)	മൺ ചെറുതലയൻപാമ്പ്	Manchetutalayān Pāmp	DD	WG	Sch. IV	
91	Anamalai Shieldtail (Anamalai Earth Snake) ²¹	<i>Uropeltis macrorhyncha</i>	(Beddome, 1877)	ഒരിരുതലയൻപാമ്പ്	Orirutalayān Pāmp	DD	WG	Sch. IV	

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92	Black-bellied Shieldtail (Woodmason's Earth Snake) ⁸	<i>Uropeltis woodmasoni</i>	(Theobald, 1876)	കരടിയിരുതലയൻ പാമ്പ്	Karaiyirutalayan Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
93	Kerala Shieldtail (Ceylon Earth Snake) ⁵	<i>Uropeltis ceylanica</i>	Cuvier, 1829	ലങ്കയിരുതലയൻ പാമ്പ്	Lankiyirutalayan Pāmp	LC		Sch. IV	
94	Periyar Shieldtail (Thirunelveli Earth Snake) ⁷	<i>Uropeltis arcticeps</i>	(Günther, 1875)	കുഞ്ഞിരുതലയൻ പാമ്പ്	Kunniyirutalayan Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
95	Red-spotted Shieldtail (Red-spotted Earth Snake) ³²	<i>Uropeltis rubromaculatus</i>	(Beddome, 1867)	കുങ്കുമപ്പൊട്ടൻ പാമ്പ്	Kunkumappottan Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
96	Red-lined Shieldtail (Red-lined Earth Snake)	<i>Uropeltis rubrolineata</i>	(Günther, 1875)	കുങ്കുമവരയൻ പാമ്പ്	Kunkumavarayan Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
97	Barred Shieldtail (Boulenger's Earth Snake)	<i>Uropeltis myhendrae</i>	(Beddome, 1886)	മഞ്ഞവരയൻ പാമ്പ്	Maññavālayayan Pāmp	DD	WG	Sch. IV	
98	Red-sided Shieldtail (Spotted Earth Snake) ⁷	<i>Uropeltis maculata</i>	(Beddome, 1878)	ചേരകുത്തൻ പാമ്പ്	Chorakuttan Pāmp	DD	WG	Sch. IV	
99	Peter's Shieldtail (Peter's Earth Snake) ²¹	<i>Uropeltis petersi</i>	(Beddome, 1878)	പീറ്റർ മൺപാമ്പ്	Peter Manpāmp	DD	WG	Sch. IV	
100	Ashambu Shieldtail (Günther's Earth Snake) ⁷	<i>Uropeltis liura</i>	(Günther, 1875)	ആശമ്പു മേലിപ്പാലൻ	Āsambu Mēlīvālan	DD	WG	Sch. IV	
101	Palmi Shieldtail (Indian Earth Snake) ⁷	<i>Uropeltis pulneyensis</i>	(Beddome, 1863)	പശനി പാമ്പ്	Palani Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
102	Violet Shieldtail (Smith's Earth Snake) ²¹	<i>Uropeltis smithi</i>	Gans, 1966	വയലറ്റ് പാമ്പ്	Vayalat Pāmp	NT	WG	Sch. IV	
103	Red-bellied Shieldtail (Beddome's Shieldtail) ²³	<i>Rhinophis sanguineus</i>	Beddome, 1863	അടിച്ചേപ്പൻ മൺപാമ്പ്	Añichoppān Manpāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
104	Cardamom Shieldtail (Cardamom Hills Earth Snake)	<i>Rhinophis fergusonianus</i>	Boulenger, 1896	മൺപാമ്പ്	Manpāmp	DD	KL	Sch. IV	
105	Travancore Shieldtail (Tamil Nadu Earth Snake) ⁷	<i>Rhinophis travancoricus</i>	Boulenger, 1892	തെക്കൻ മൺപാമ്പ്	Thekkan Manpāmp	EN	WG	Sch. IV	
106	16. Family Pythonidae (pythons)								
	Indian Rock python	<i>Python molurus</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	പെരുമ്പാമ്പ് / മലമ്പാമ്പ്	Perumpāmp/ malampāmp	LC		Sch. I	App. I
	17. Family Erycidae (boas)								
107	Common Sand Boa	<i>Eryx conicus</i>	(Schneider, 1801)	മണ്ണുലി പാമ്പ്	Manñūli Pāmp	NE		Sch. IV	App. II
108	Red Sand Boa (Indian Sand Boa)	<i>Eryx johnii</i>	(Russell, 1801)	ഇരുതലയൻ പാമ്പ്	Irutalayan Pāmp	NE		Sch. IV	App. II
109	Whitaker's Boa (Whitaker's Sand Boa)	<i>Eryx whitakeri</i>	Das, 1991	വിറ്റാക്കറിൻ്റെ മൺ പാമ്പ്	Vittakkarinte Manñūli Pāmp	NE		Sch. IV	App. II
	18. Family Acrochordidae (file snakes)								
110	Marine File Snake (Little Wart Snake)	<i>Acrochordus granulatus</i>	(Schneider, 1799)	കായൽ പാമ്പ്	Kāyal Pāmp	LC		Sch. IV	
	19. Family Colubridae (colubrid snakes)								
111	Common Trinket Snake ²⁴	<i>Coelognathus helena</i>	(Daudin, 1803)	കൊട്ടുപാമ്പ്	Kāṭṭupāmp	NE		Sch. IV	
112	Indian Rat Snake (Dhman)	<i>Ptyas mucosa</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	ചേര	Chēra	NE		Sch. II	
113	Banded Racer	<i>Argyrogena fasciolata</i>	Shaw, 1802	വള്ളി ചേര	Vallji Chēra	NE		Sch. IV	
114	Lesser Stripe-necked Snake (Calamaria Reed Snake)	<i>Liopeltis calamaria</i>	(Günther, 1858)	ചെമ്മന്തിരയൻ പാമ്പ്	Chennivarayan Pāmp	NE		Sch. IV	

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115	Black-spotted Kukri Snake ²⁵	<i>Oligodon venustus</i>	(Jerdon, 1853)	ഒച്ചുരുട്ട	Oraccurutta	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
116	Travancore Kukri Snake ⁷	<i>Oligodon travancoricus</i>	Beddome, 1877	തെക്കൻ ചുരുട്ട	Thekkan Churutta	DD	WG	Sch. IV	
117	Russell's Kukri Snake	<i>Oligodon taeniolatus</i>	(Jerdon, 1853)	റെസ്സൽ ചുരുട്ട	Res'sal Churutta	LC		Sch. IV	
118	Common Kukri Snake (Banded Kukri Snake)	<i>Oligodon arnensis</i>	(Shaw, 1802)	മുവരയൻ ചുരുട്ട	Muvarayan Churutta	NE		Sch. IV	
119	Western Kukri Snake ²⁵	<i>Oligodon affinis</i>	Günther, 1862	മലബാറുരുട്ട	Malañchurutta	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
120	Striped Kukri Snake (Short-tailed Kukri Snake) ⁹	<i>Oligodon brevicauda</i>	(Günther, 1862)	കുട്ടിറാലൻ ചുരുട്ട	Kuṭṭivālan Churutta	VU	WG	Sch. IV	
121	Ashok's Bronzeback Tree Snake ²⁶	<i>Dendrelaphis ashaki</i>	Vogel & Van Rooijen, 2011	വരയൻ വല്ലുന്നി	Varayan Villunni	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
122	Giri's Bronzeback Tree Snake ²⁷	<i>Dendrelaphis girii</i>	Vogel & Van Rooijen, 2011	കാട്ടുകൊമ്പൈരി പാമ്പ്	Kāṭṭu Kombaṛi Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
123	Large-eyed Bronzeback Tree Snake ²⁵	<i>Dendrelaphis grandoculis</i>	(Boulenger, 1890)	മലകൊമ്പൈരി പാമ്പ്	Mala Kombaṛi Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
124	Southern Bronzeback Tree Snake	<i>Dendrelaphis chairecaeos</i>	(Boie, 1827)	നൽവരയൻകൊമ്പൈരി പാമ്പ്	Nalvarayan Keāmbaṛi Pāmp	NE	WG	Sch. IV	
125	Common Bronzeback Tree Snake	<i>Dendrelaphis tristis</i>	(Daudin, 1803)	വല്ലുന്നി	Villunni	NE		Sch. IV	
126	Ornate Flying Snake (Golden Tree Snake)	<i>Chrysopelea ornata</i>	(Shaw, 1802)	നാഗത്തൻ പാമ്പ്/ അലങ്കാര പാമ്പ്	Nāgattān Pāmp/ Alaṅkāra Pāmp	NE		Sch. IV	
127	Travancore Wolf Snake	<i>Lycodon travancoricus</i>	(Beddome, 1870)	തിരുവനന്തപുരം വെള്ളിപ്രയൻ	Tiruvāṅkūr Vellivarayan	LC		Sch. IV	
128	Barred Wolf Snake (Northern Wolf Snake)	<i>Lycodon striatus</i>	(Shaw, 1802)	വരവരയൻ പാമ്പ്	Varavarayan Pāmp	NE		Sch. IV	
129	Common Wolf Snake	<i>Lycodon aulicus</i>	(Linnaeus, 1754)	വെള്ളിപ്രയൻ പാമ്പ്	Vellivarayan Pāmp	NE		Sch. IV	
130	Bridal Snake	<i>Dryocalamus nympha</i>	(Daudin, 1803)	വെള്ളിതലയൻ പാമ്പ്	Vellitalayan Pāmp	NE		Sch. IV	
131	Dumeril's Black-headed Snake	<i>Sibynophis subpunctatus</i>	(Bibron & Duméril, 1854)	എഴുത്താണി ചുരുട്ട	Ezhuttāṇi Churutta	NE		Sch. IV	
132	Olive Forest Snake	<i>Rhabdops olivaceus</i>	(Beddome, 1863)	മോതയൂണി പാമ്പ്	Montayūṅṅi Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
133	Common Cat Snake (Indian Gamma Snake)	<i>Boiga trigonata</i>	(Schneider, 1802)	പച്ചക്കണ്ണൻ പാമ്പ്	Pūchakkannaṅṅan Pāmp	LC		Sch. IV	
134	Ceylon Cat Snake (Sri Lanka Cat Snake) ²⁸	<i>Boiga ceylonensis</i>	(Günther, 1858)	കാട്ടുവരയൻ പാമ്പ്	Kāṭṭuvāṛayan Pāmp	NE		Sch. IV	
135	Collared Cat Snake	<i>Boiga nuchalis</i>	(Günther, 1875)	വളയൻ പച്ചക്കണ്ണൻ പാമ്പ്	Vaḷayan Pūchakkannaṅṅi Pāmp	NE		Sch. IV	
136	Forsten's Cat Snake	<i>Boiga forsteni</i>	(Bibron & Duméril, 1854)	കരികുറിയൻ പാമ്പ്	Karirikuriyaṅṅan Pāmp	LC		Sch. IV	
137	Beddome's Cat Snake	<i>Boiga beddomei</i>	(Wall, 1909)	ബെഡോമിൻറെ പച്ചക്കണ്ണി പാമ്പ്	Beddominte Pūchakkannaṅṅi Pāmp	LC		Sch. IV	
138	Travancore Cat Snake (Dighton's Cat Snake)	<i>Boiga dightoni</i>	(Boulenger, 1894)	പീരുമേടൻ പാമ്പ്	Pīrumēṭān Pāmp	DD	KL	Sch. IV	
139	Bronze-headed Vine Snake (Perrotet's Vine Snake) ¹⁹	<i>Ahaetulla perroteti</i>	(Duméril, Bibron & Dumeril 1854)	ചോലപലച്ചാലൻ	Chola Pacholan	EN	WG	Sch. IV	
140	Günther's Vine Snake ⁸	<i>Ahaetulla dispar</i>	(Günther, 1864)	മലപലച്ചാലൻ പാമ്പ്	Malapalacchāḷāṅṅan Pāmp	NT	WG	Sch. IV	
141	Common Vine Snake	<i>Ahaetulla nasuta</i>	(Bonnaterre, 1790)	പലച്ചാല പാമ്പ്	Palachāḷā Pāmp	NE		Sch. IV	

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142	Brown Vine Snake (Brown-speckled Vine Snake) ²⁸	<i>Ahaetulla pulverulenta</i>	(Duméril & Bibron, 1854)	തവിട്ടുവെ പാമ്പ്	Tavittuola Pāmp	LC		Sch. IV	
143	20. Family Xenodermatidae (narrow-headed snakes) Captain's Wood Snake ⁷	<i>Xylophis captaini</i>	Gower & Winkler, 2007	കുഞ്ഞിത്തലയൻ പാമ്പ്	Kunñittalayan Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
144	Striped Narrow-headed Snake ¹²	<i>Xylophis perroteti</i>	(Duméril, Bibron & Dumeril, 1854)	പെരൊട്ടെട്ടി പാമ്പ്	Perottetti Pāmp	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
145	Günther's Narrow-headed Snake ⁷	<i>Xylophis stenorhynchus</i>	(Günther, 1875)	ഒരക്കളൻ പാമ്പ്	Orakkullān Pāmp	DD	WG	Sch. IV	
146	21. Family Natricidae (keelbacks) Striped Keelback (Buff-striped Keelback)	<i>Amphiesma stolatum</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	തെളിയൻ പാമ്പ്	Theilyan Pāmp	NE		Sch. IV	
147	Beddome's Keelback (Nilgiri Keelback)	<i>Hebius beddomei</i>	(Günther, 1864)	കാട്ടു നീർക്കോലി	Kāṭṭu Nīrkkōali	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
148	Hill Keelback (Wayanad Keelback) ²⁹	<i>Hebius monticola</i>	(Jerdon, 1853)	മല നീർക്കോലി	Malā Nīrkkōali	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
149	Checked Keelback (Asiatic Water Snake)	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	(Schneider, 1799)	നീർക്കോലി	Nīrkkōali	NE		Sch. II	App. III
150	Green Keelback	<i>Macropisthodon plumbicolor</i>	(Cantor, 1839)	പച്ചനാഗം	Pacchanāgam	NE		Sch. IV	
151	Olive Keelback Water Snake (Olive Trapezoid Snake)	<i>Atretium schistosum</i>	(Daudin, 1803)	പച്ച നീർക്കോലി	Paccha Nīrkkōali	LC		Sch. II	App. III
152	22. Family Homalopsidae (mud snakes) Dussumier's Smooth Scale Water Snake (Kerala Mud Snake)	<i>Diurostus dussumieri</i>	(Duméril, Bibron & Dumeril, 1854)	ചെളിക്കുടം/ കണ്ടപ്പാമ്പ്	Chelikkuta/ Kanṭappāmp	LC	KL	Sch. IV	
153	Dog-faced Water Snake (Asian Bockadam)	<i>Cerberus rynchops</i>	(Schneider, 1799)	ആറ്റുപായി പാമ്പ്	Āṭṭuvāyi Pāmp	LC		Sch. II	App. III
154	Glossy Marsh Snake	<i>Gerarda prevostiana</i>	(Eyedoux & Gervais, 1837)	പച്ചറ്റുപായ് പാമ്പ്	Pacchāṭṭuvāy Pāmp	LC		Sch. IV	
155	23. Family Elapidae (elapid snakes) Common Indian Krait	<i>Bungarus caeruleus</i>	(Schneider, 1801)	വെള്ളികുടൻ/ ശന്പുവരൻ	Veilikkuta/ Śanṭuvāraṇ	NE		Sch. IV	
156	Slender Coral Snake	<i>Calliophis melanurus</i>	(Shaw, 1802)	ഏഴുതാണി മുൾപൻ	Eṭṭāṇi Mūlṭhan	NE		Sch. IV	
157	Striped Coral Snake	<i>Calliophis nigrescens</i>	(Günther, 1862)	എട്ടടി മുൾപൻ	Eṭṭāṇi Mūlṭhan	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
158	Beddome's Coral Snake ³	<i>Calliophis beddomei</i>	Smith, 1943	ഏഴുതാണി വരയൻ	Eṭṭāṇi Varayan	DD		Sch. IV	
159	Bibron's Coral Snake ³⁰	<i>Calliophis bibroni</i>	(Jan, 1858)	ഏഴുതാണി വളയൻ	Eṭṭāṇi Vajayan	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
160	Spectacled Cobra	<i>Naja naja</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	മുൾപൻ	Mūlṭhan	NE		Sch. II	App. II
161	King Cobra	<i>Ophiophagus hannah</i>	(Cantor, 1836)	രാജവെമ്പല	Rājaveṃṭal	VU		Sch. II	App. II
162	Hook-nosed Sea Snake	<i>Hydrophis schistosus</i>	(Daudin, 1803)	വലകടിയൻ	Vālakkaṭiyan	LC		Sch. IV	
163	Annulated Sea Snake	<i>Hydrophis cyanocinctus</i>	Daudin, 1803	കടലൊരക്കോലി	Kadalora Kōṭāli	LC		Sch. IV	
164	Cochin-banded Sea Snake	<i>Hydrophis ornatus</i>	(Gray, 1842)	ചിട്ടുളി പാമ്പ്	Chittūḷi Pāmp	LC		Sch. IV	
165	Short Sea Snake	<i>Hydrophis curtus</i>	(Shaw, 1802)	അറബി പാമ്പ്	Aṛabi Pāmp	LC		Sch. IV	

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166 Black and Yellow Sea Snake 24. Family Viperidae (vipers)	<i>Hydrophis platurus</i>	(Linnaeus, 1766)	മഞ്ഞകുരുശി പാശ്ശി	Mañña Kuruśi Pāmp	LC		Sch. IV	
167 Russel's Viper	<i>Daboia russelii</i>	(Shaw & Nodder, 1797)	രണ്ടമ്പലി	Anali	NE		Sch. II	App. III
168 Saw-scaled Viper	<i>Echis carinatus</i>	(Schneider, 1801)	പുരുട്ട മണലി	Churutṭa Maṇḍali	NE		Sch. IV	
169 Common Hump-nosed Pit Viper ²⁸	<i>Hypnale hypnale</i>	(Merrem, 1820)	മുഴമുക്കൻ കുഴിമണലി	Muzhamukkan Kuzhimaṇḍali	NE		Sch. IV	
170 Large-scaled Green Pit Viper ⁸	<i>Trimeresurus macrolepis</i>	Beddome, 1862	പട്ടിത്തലയൻ കുഴിമണലി	Chattittalayan Kuzhimaṇḍali	NT	WG	Sch. IV	
171 Malabar Pit Viper	<i>Trimeresurus malabaricus</i>	(Jerdon, 1854)	ചോല മണലി	Chola Maṇḍali	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
172 Horseshoe Pit Viper ⁸	<i>Trimeresurus strigatus</i>	Gray, 1842	ലാട മണലി	Lāṭamaṇḍali	LC	WG	Sch. IV	
173 Bamboo Pit Viper ³⁴	<i>Trimeresurus gramineus</i>	(Shaw, 1802)	മുള മണലി	Mulamaṇḍali	LC		Sch. IV	

¹ Historical
² Formerly placed under the genus *Geoemyda*, later moved to *Vijayachelys* (Praschag et al., 2006)
³ Endemic to Peninsular India
⁴ Palot & Murthy (2015)
⁵ Endemic to Western Ghats & Eastern Ghats
⁶ Endemic to Western Ghats south of Achenkovil gap
⁷ Endemic to Western Ghats south of Palakkad gap
⁸ Endemic to Western Ghats south of Nilgiris
⁹ Endemic to Western Ghats south of Coorg
¹⁰ Known only from Wayanad
¹¹ Known only from Nilgiris
¹² Endemic to Western Ghats south of Wayanad
¹³ Western Ghats & a single location record from Eastern Ghats
¹⁴ Endemic to Western Ghats south of Agumbe
¹⁵ Known only from the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve
¹⁶ Historical. Known only from the type specimen collected from Kadalundi, Kozhikode (Smith 1935). As it has not been collected since its original description and the type specimen is lost, its presence in India is doubtful
¹⁷ Known only from certain localities in Kerala & Tamil Nadu
¹⁸ Known only from Chembra hills, Wayanad
¹⁹ Known only from Nilgiris
²⁰ Known only from Nelliampathy hills
²¹ Known only from Anamalai hills
²² Endemic to Western Ghats south of Koppa, Karnataka
²³ Endemic to Western Ghats south of Agumbe
²⁴ Includes distinct subspecies Mountain Trinket Snake, *C.h. monticollaris*, which is endemic to Western Ghats
²⁵ Endemic to Western Ghats south of Goa gap
²⁶ Formerly treated under *Dendrelaphis pictus*. The Western Ghats population is now recognised as distinct species (Vogel and van Rooijen, 2011).
²⁷ Previously confused with *D. bifrenalis*, a species now considered endemic to Sri Lanka (Vogel and van Rooijen 2011).
²⁸ Endemic to Western Ghats & Sri Lanka
²⁹ Endemic to Western Ghats south of Talewady, Karnataka
³⁰ Endemic to Western Ghats south of Chikmagalur, Karnataka
³¹ As per Anarasinghe et al (2015), the population in Kerala is *Sitana cf. devaka*
³² As per the new revision (Agarwal & Karanth 2015), the species occur in Kerala may be *Cyrtodactylus cf. speciosus*
³³ *H. maculatus* may be replaced in southern India by *H. acanthopholis*, a new species described by Mirza & Sanap (2014) from Tamil Nadu
³⁴ Even though reported by many workers in the past, no recent confirmed reports from Kerala.

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Image 1. *Ahaetulla perroteti*



Image 2. *Ahaetulla pulverulenta*



Image 3. *Boiga ceylonensis*



Image 4. *Calliophis bibroni*



Image 5. *Oligodon brevicauda*



Image 6. *Trimeresurus macrolepis*



Image 7. *Uropeltis rubromaculatus*



Image 8. *Calotes grandisquamis*

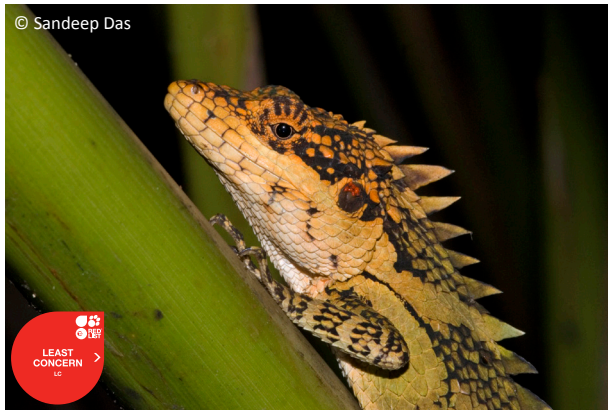


Image 9. *Salea anamallayana*



Image 10. *Calotes ellioti*



Image 11. *Indotestudo travancorica*



Image 12. *Vijayachelys silvatica*

