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SENTINELES

Reached North Sentinele Island at 0500 Hrs. from the (South West end) 3 canoes with sentineles were seen moving North wards.

1. When we reached near the shore, we saw a total of 20 sentineles at a point.
2. Due to rocks we could not go near them and started moving North wards, then we saw 4 more sentineles. we moved further and at the point of last contact we saw one more group of sentineles.
3. A total of 46 sentinelese were counted. Due to mixing of all groups at one place, sex differentiation was not possible. But the 46 included Male/female Ratio (a) 1:1 and adult- children ratio also (a) 1:1 app.
4. Then One adult male and two male children came near our boat in canoe and collected red cloths ~~first~~ and then coconuts.
5. He(male adult) was carrying a machete, with which he patted the boat and then started breaking the wooden platform of boat from inside.(As if the outer iron will come out on its own once inside is broken). But when denied, he stopped, and also we started moving our boat with some speed, then he got shifted to his canoe.
6. We started throwing the coconuts into water and did it at 4-5 places near the shore.
7. A few came in canoes to collect coconuts.
8. The females were carrying infants on their back even into water while collecting coconuts.
9. 4 coconut trees were spotted on shore with 4 ~~ms~~ 3-4 years old; 5 young and one was in flowering stage.
10. A few were seen with yellowish bark waist band and with bark arm band and necklace.
11. A few females were wearing a garland of white flowers on their heads.
12. Many were seen with 1-2 flowers stuck into their hairs in the head.
13. When they came into water to collect coconut 3-4 of them were displaying above their heads the IRON KNIVES they carried.
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