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The Executive Secretary
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Sub: Poaching and illegal activities in Jarawa area-reg.

Sir,

I would like to bring to kind notice that during my recent visit in Middle Strait area the Jarawas made complain that their traditional food resources are depleting due to frequent poaching by the civilians. In order to find out the actual fact an enquiry has been initiated by me visiting all the Jarawa camps in between Jirkatang and Middle Strait and found very shocking information about frequent poaching by civilians.

Potatang area: The Jarawas of Potatang camp reported that the residents of Sholbay, ~~Wrightmyo~~ and other areas are often coming in Potatang area during night by engine dinghy for hunting and fishing.

Some poachers enter illegally in Potatang during night often armed with gun and motor bike which they bring in their engine dinghy through the creek of B.D. Nallah for hunting of wild animals from adjacent areas of their habitat. Jarawas are frightened to catch the armed poachers during night. Jarawas of Potatang also reported that residents of Sholbay and Wrightmyo come and stay in reserved area (eastern part of Puna Nallah and Potatang) for hand sawing of timber and collection of MFPs etc.

It is also very stunning to intimate you that the evidence of killing wild boar and deer have also come to our knowledge while inspecting the surrounding areas of our newly construction of Hotspot at Potatang.

R.K.Nallah area: The Jarawas of R.K.Nallah also reported that the residents of Baratang, Flat Bay and Kadamtala area are the frequent poachers of Badabalu and Leyatal (opposite of Bluff Island) and undertake fishing and hunting of wild boar.

Kadamtala area: Further, it is inform that the residents of, Phooltala, Kadamtala, Kausallya Nagar, Boarnial, Chainpur, Mayabunder, Kalapahad are frequently venture in to the Jarawa area like **Dhani Nallah, Philip Nallah (adjacent to Phooltala village), Lakra Lungta, Spike Island, adjacent area of Yeaterjig creek, Kausallya Nagar and western coast of Middle Andaman area** with dogs and traps for hunting of wild animals.