

b) The Onge:

A tribe of 115 people, the Onge are divided into two major communities at Dugong Creek and South Bay on Little Andaman Island. They were the sole inhabitants of the islands until 1967, when the island was opened to large scale settlement by outside people including the Nicobarese. Like the other groups, the Onges were also hostile to the outside world. The first friendly contact with the Onges was established in 1886-87 by Portman. Since then and especially after 1958, there have been many friendly contacts with them resulting into their entrance into the mainstream of civilization. The A& N Administration takes care of the community by formulating various Socio-economic developmental schemes under the Plan.

c) The Jarawa:

With a population of about 446, the Jarawas inhabit about 700 Sq. K.M of the western coastal and Forest reserve of South and Middle Andaman Islands. They are still far away in embracing the civilized world in comparison to the Great Andamanese or the Onges and still lead a life of hunter and gatherers. It was for the first time in 1974 when a small friendly gift dropping party was received by them with friendly gestures. Continuous and concerted efforts of the Administration to bring the Jarawas to the mainstream has brought very conspicuous results of late, where they have left their hostility to the outside world and have begun to respond to the welfare initiatives of the Administration.