

knitted from bark fibre thread and is supported by a cane rim and handle at the top used to catch small fish.

Besides the above, cane basket, waist band, bark fibre, Resin are some of the other artefacts used by the community.

Social Organisation:

Without any doubt, the Sentinelese is a hunting-gathering community and the list of artefacts indicated above strengthens the fact. However, any understanding of their family, marriage and kinship system or leadership pattern warrants a closer and more intimate contact with them. Observation on their settlement pattern discussed earlier is indicative of their social organisation to some extent.

Interactional behaviour:

The social behavioural norms of the Sentinelese among themselves can not be elaborated at this stage given that we have very limited insight into their socio-cultural institutions. However, some marginal inferences can be drawn on this aspect while we take into consideration their general behaviour towards the outsiders. The community is not very keen and has shown least interest in establishing friendly contacts with the outside world, except for some stray cases of friendly gestures in the recent parts of the official visits. They are less enthusiastic on seeing the contact parties approaching towards them and are hesitant to provide them any entry into the island.