

**Problem Areas:**

- 1) In view of very limited visits by the official teams to the North Sentinel Island over the years, the avenues for an insight into their social-cultural system like marriages, family system, customs and traditions, language etc. has been very limited. The survival of the community of 50 odd persons within the available limited resources given the size of the island is also an aspect, open to research by experts.
- 2) The Sentinelese also use iron/steel in their arrows /spears etc. This need of theirs might have been supplemented by drifting of the ship wreckage/waste at the sea shore. Availability of the same and the demand of the community also needs to be examined
- 3) Hunting and gathering being their main occupation, the Community is understood to depend heavily on fish as their main staple food using bows and arrow/spears to catch it. They had good fishing grounds with shallow waters of considerable length around the North Sentinel Island. Post tsunami, the topography of the island has changed considerably by washing away of the sand deposits at the shore by the strong water current making the areas in the immediate vicinity acquiring more depth. The community do not use big size wooden canoes that would enable them to negate the depth and venture into the sea. The situations may have definitely depleted the chances of fishing in the area, thereby compelling them to depend heavily on the limited land resources. Given the area of the island vis-a-vis the availability of the resources, they may have been finding