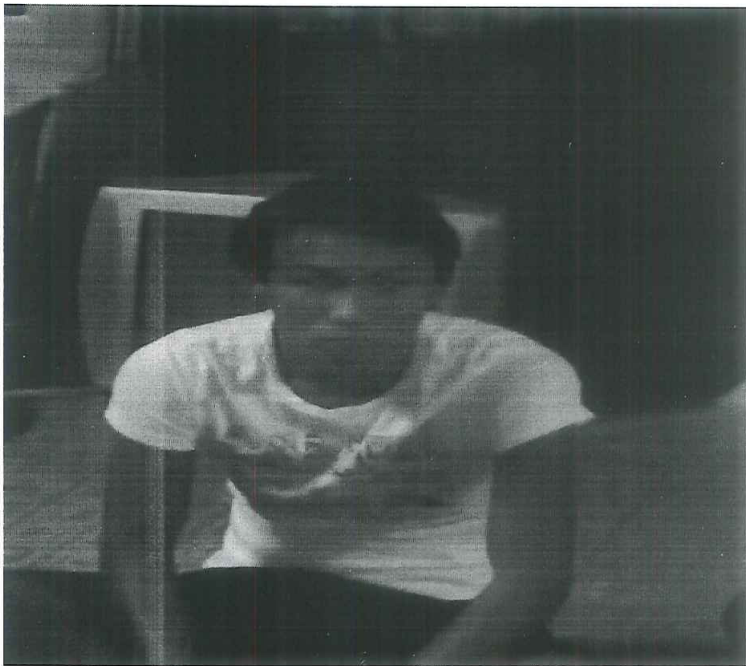


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The male members goes for hunting and the female folks assist in making food from pandanas, clean the huts etc. The Shompens of lawful make canoe and sale to Nicobarese for cost of peanuts.

It is certain that the population of Shompen is not exact what has been expressed so far. To find the exact number, we need to start from the west coast i.e from Kopen Heat towards 24 KM East West Road. After completing the survey on E-W road, we need to move towards north of the island on the west and east side for the remaining camps. This may certainly take at least 10 to 12 days after reaching west coast.



*(Shompen Orphan boy)*

It was also noticed that the Shompens of East-West Road do not interact with other Shompens. There female folks are afraid of outsiders. Hence, either they remain hidden or remain in the laps of males.