



Points to Consider:

1. There is little information on the present status of the Jarawa on what's happening inside the reserve. Disturbing reports have arrived on poaching, sex abuse and introducing the tribe to drugs and alcohol. Conflicts with the settler population seem to be on the rise. We don't have a clear picture on the well being of the Jarawa or if they are venturing out due to depletion of resources inside their habitat.
2. Conflict of Interest between the settler population and Jarawas with regard to the Jarawa Tribal Reserve. Candidates during elections campaigned for a liberal tourism policy, relaxing buffer zones, expanding the ATR and bringing Jarawas into 'mainstream' (education, health, food doles- what some may call undignified dependence). Is this a battle of resources between the settler population where unemployment is high and the tribals who preserved the last patch of tropical rainforests in the Islands?
3. Other tribes who were inducted into the 'mainstream' like Onges and Great Andamanese have slowly died out. The Jarawa is no longer 'hostile', the Sentinelese still are. Should we leave them the way they are? How do we know what they want?
4. Is the administration closed to research/in depth work on the Jarawas? Such research can throw light on what the Jarawas want- whether the resources inside their reserve is depleting, how they view repeated intrusions by poachers into their territory or if as a community they need any help from the state. We mean to ask, poachers and the administration's field staff seem to have access to the reserve but not independent researchers or anthropologists. Is secrecy the way to conserve?

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