

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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