

7.2.2 Natural Resources

The main natural resources available at Strait Island are plantation, forest and fishery. It has been observed that coconut from the existing plantation may be utilised for some gainful economic activities. In fact raw materials like coconut husk, and coconut leaves which are being wasted at present may be transformed to some value added items through simple manufacturing process.

7.2.3 Suggested Economic Activities

Considering the skill level of the tribal people and natural resources available at Strait Island, it may be suggested that there is scope for introducing the following economic activities at Strait Island involving the Great Andamanese.

- i. Coir rope manufacturing;
- ii. Broom making;
- iii. Oil Ghan;
- iv. Poultry;

It may, however, be mentioned that more and more motivational campaigns may be launched among the Great Andamanese before introducing such activities so as to encourage them for adoption of such activities. The