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Dugong Creek/South Bay (Onges)1 Traditional Skills

The Onges of Dugong Creek/South Bay have hardly developed any specific skill which may help them in their subsistence economy except some handicraft activities like basket making which the women folk of the community used to do traditionally. Therefore, there is scope to improve the old traditional skill of the Onges by imparting proper training so that their handicraft products are acceptable in the market in terms of quality, design etc. This apart, from simple type of economic activities may be introduced amongst the Onges where not much of technical skill is required. Selection of such activities will however depend on various factors like availability of raw materials, probable market tie-up etc.

.2 Natural Resources

The natural resources available at Dugong Creek/South Bay are coconut, forest resources and fish. Of these resources coconut could be utilised for starting some simple income generating activities. At present the Onges collect nuts for which they are paid collection cost of Re.1/-. The uncollected nuts and leaves are wasted, which could be utilised for above said activity.