

- g) The Tribal Welfare Officer Kadamtala informed that Jarawas don't have any canoe or traditional boat so they are fishing in the shore area with their bow and arrows and using the traditional net.
- h) The Assistant Conservator of Forest opined that the Buffer Zone extending in the Eastern side of the islands particularly the Shoal Bay creeks covering Kyd island and extending up to the Middle Strait entry point could also be excluded from the Buffer Zone, since the Jarawas are not using these area for fishing activities and there is no report of interaction of the tribals with the non-tribal population.
- i) DFO, Baratang informed that Baratang Island is separated by creek with width of 500 mtrs and the Jarawas no longer visit there. Therefore excluding Baratang Islands from the Buffer Zone will not affect the interest of the Jarawa tribes adversely. This fact is confirmed from the Jarawa Movement Register maintained by the Tribal Welfare Office at Middle Strait.
- j) DFO Wimberlygunj informed that the Scientific Forestry Management may be allowed in the Buffer Zone area as such forestry management maintains the biodiversity of the area and the interest of the tribal are not affected.
- k) The Committee feels that the interaction of the tribes cannot be stopped in totality and the Jarawas themselves comes to settlement areas for medical assistance and for hunting, fishing activities as the village areas were part of their traditional hunting grounds. The Committee felt at the present level of interaction with jarawa , it can not be ascertained as to whether the Jarawa tribes recognized the Buffer area.
- l) A reference of Master Plan prepared by Shri S.A. Awaradi was discussed by the members wherein there is a mention above Buffer Zone around the Jarawa tribal reserve in which the width of the Buffer Zone is only 500 mtr and this 500 mtr is away from the existing revenue boundary.

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