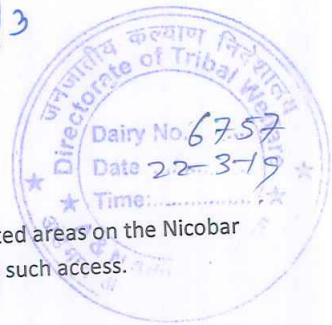


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Respected Sir Govind Ram,

Respected AAJVS/Department of Tribal Welfare,



this letter is written for the purpose of requesting limited access to the restricted areas on the Nicobar Islands; and kindly inquiring about the options and requirements for obtaining such access.

Short Introduction:

My name is Sebastian Krzyzewski, and I am a Privatier/Ethnographer from Germany. Me, my wife Christiane Wittenstein and our daughter Catreeya have been traveling the world constantly for over a decade now, primarily to very remote and little explored areas. Being financially independent allows us to dedicate our life to our passion, which is the documentation of those places and -specifically- their indigenous population. Our focus also lies on supporting welfare projects concerning these communities, which we do privately now, after I ceased my position as the director of the German healthcare NGO "Welt als Wille e.V." in 2012.

Regarding the documentation of indigenous people we work as a team with our mentor Prof. Dr. Dr. Phil. Roland Garve from the University of Greifswald (who is one of Germany's leading experts on isolated tribes and in Ethnodentistry/-medicine) and with Mr. Andreas Richter, a decorated German filmmaker, who has produced numerous documentaries on indigenous people for German Television. Besides working with Prof. Garve on his current research on tribal body modifications, we also have been filming for an Astro-Ethno-Documentary since last year in which we visit aboriginal groups to explore their views on the universe and how those relate to ours. We try to do so with minimal impact, which means a very small crew and non-interfering unscripted filming.

We do also regularly work together with Mr. Rupin Dang from "WildFilmsIndia". He is based in Delhi and operates one of the biggest wildlife-footage outlets in India.

Purpose for visiting the Nicobars:

Being one of the least accessible island groups in the world the whole Nicobars are naturally of great interest to us. But the specific places we would like to get access to are the tribal reserves on Great Nicobar, which house the Shompen people, followed by the inhabited islands of the Central Group. Understanding that getting a proper research permit for those areas is practically impossible for a foreigner, we would kindly like to request a permit for the purposes of non-research related general ethnographic/videographic documentation of the people, their life and natural surroundings; and for a short time period only.