



To:  
The Directors  
Survival International

From:  
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The following document is an official response to the flawed and defamatory press release issued by Survival International against Barefoot Resorts.

Barefoot Resorts has a proud record of Sustainable development in the Andaman Islands (reiterated within this document in Section 2.3) and takes great offence to the libelous action of Survival International, reminds it of its duty of care to all stakeholders and asks it to, as a matter of courtesy and propriety, provide an apology to Barefoot and a retraction.

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## 1. PRESS RELEASE OF SURVIVAL INTERNATIONAL



### **Celebrity resort threatens isolated tribes**

**15 June 2009**

A luxury resort being built on the Andaman Islands in India is threatening the survival of the Jarawa tribe, who number just 320 and have only had contact with outsiders since 1998.

Government authorities on the Andamans want to stop the hotel, and are appealing against a Calcutta High Court ruling allowing it to go ahead. The appeal is due to be heard tomorrow.



A luxury resort is threatening the survival of the Jarawa tribe.

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The Indian travel company Barefoot has started building a resort barely 500 metres from the Jarawa reserve, established by the Indian government to protect the tribe. The hotel is an offshoot of an existing Barefoot resort in the Andamans, whose guests have allegedly included Oscar-winning actress Kate Winslet.

Survival campaigner Sophie Grig, who visited the Andamans last year, says, 'The resort is next to a path the Jarawa use regularly as they hunt and gather in the forest. There is no way Barefoot could avoid putting at serious risk the lives of these extremely vulnerable people, whose existence is already threatened by poachers invading their land and by the road that cuts through their forest.'

'One has to wonder why Barefoot is building a hotel so close to the Jarawa, if it is not to allow tourists the opportunity to intrude into their lives. It will also bring an influx of workers and settlers to the area, increasing the considerable pressure on the Jarawa and their land. And it will risk exposing them to diseases to which they have no immunity and to alcohol, which has ravaged other tribes on the Andamans and elsewhere.'

Barefoot claims that 'sustainable and socially responsible tourism development' is core to its philosophy.

Survival's report 'Progress can kill' details the devastating effects of imposing contact on isolated tribal peoples.



## **2. RESPONSE TO PRESS RELEASE OF SURVIVAL INTERNATIONAL DATED 15 JUNE 2009 REGARDING PROXIMITY OF A BAREFOOT RESORT PROPERTY TO THE JARAWA TRIBAL RESERVE**

### SECTION 1:

#### FACTUAL INACCURACIES IN SURVIVAL INTERNATIONAL'S PRESS RELEASE

Survival International's press release dated 15 June 2009 is both defamatory towards Barefoot and grossly inaccurate in its content, and is surprisingly ill-researched.

Some of the factual inaccuracies contained in the press release are:

- (1) Survival International states that "*Barefoot has started building a resort barely 500 meters from the Jarawa Reserve*". This is grossly incorrect. The distance from the said resort location to the closest point of the Tribal Reserve is more than 3 kilometers as the crow flies, and longer than that in a straight line by land, but even this entails crossing of two creeks. It is also worth noting that the actual road access is more than 7kms in length. ***Appendix 1 contains a Google Earth snapshot*** showing the distance, calculated by Satellite Mapping to be approximately 3.2 kms between the nearest point of the resort and the reserve. Survival International's statement of a distance of 500m is blatantly incorrect and would appear motivated to falsely sensationalize.
- (2) Survival International also states that "*The resort is next to a path the Jarawa use regularly as they hunt and gather in the forest*". This too is grossly incorrect. There is no forest in and around the resort property. The resort is surrounded by paddy fields and coconut and arecanut plantation owned by Indian farmers on three sides and the sea on the fourth side. There is absolutely no forest in the immediate area of the resort or beyond the resort for the Jarawa to hunt in or pass through while on hunt. And of course, there is nothing for them to hunt in and around the resort land unless of course Survival International suggests that they should choose to suddenly abandon their traditional ways and take to the hunting of Indian Settlers or gathering of the farm produce of Indian Settlers instead.
- (3) A representative of Survival International also states that "*One has to wonder why Barefoot is building a hotel so close to the Jarawa, if it is not to allow tourists the opportunity to intrude into their lives.*" This is mischievous conjecture and wild extrapolation. The location of this Barefoot resort is, as stated prior, quite far from the reserve and tourism at the location is in no way connected with the Jarawa or Jarawa-related voyeurism. Further, the beach fronting this property is a known Andaman beauty spot, marketed in various tourism brochures published by the Andaman Administration as "Sunset Bay, Colinpur". It is a beautiful beach, with historical remains of Japanese World War II bunkers, fascinating vegetation, white sands, views of the world famous Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park from the beach and of course, arguably the best sunsets on view in all of South



Andaman. It is for these reasons that the resort is located here, and not for the wholly specious motives suggested by Sophie Grig of Survival International

- (4) Survival International, in its press release states that the resort “*will also bring an influx of workers and settlers to the area, increasing the considerable pressure on the Jarawa*”. The ground reality is that the tents were imported from outside the Andamans fully finished and no outside workers came to erect them; their bases, thatching and earthwork was done by villagers of Colinpur using locally available materials and the landscaping is also done by them. All employees are till date still drawn from the village of Colinpur, the person living furthest from the resort has a 20 minute walk to work. The only exception is the director in charge of the property, who is an Andaman born local resident, residing 35kms by road from the location. The movements of this director do carry a carbon footprint (offset many times over by our reforestation drive nearby) but I would hesitate to term his 40 minute drive to work, to a location 3.2 kms from the Tribal Reserve as the crow flies, as representing “*an influx of workers and settlers to the area, increasing the considerable pressure on the Jarawa*” as stated by Survival International
- (5) Besides the blatant factual inaccuracies as listed above, the rest of the press release can be summarized / categorized in our opinion as either wild extrapolations of *imagined effect* without any linkage to any *fact-based cause*, i.e. it is misplaced conjecture.



## SECTION 2:

### BAREFOOT'S POSITION ON SUBJECTIVE ASPECTS OF THE PRESS RELEASE

- 1) The location in question is at a suitably far distance from the Tribal Reserve so as not to disturb the Jarawa.
- 2) Barefoot would not countenance any exploitation of Jarawa for tourism purposes from any of its guests, and most certainly will not attempt to do so itself. Barefoot's track record as a sustainable developer speaks for itself, on all its other locations and will do so here as well. The reasons for locating a Barefoot resort here have already been documented above in Section 1 (3) and has everything to do with the beauty of the location and nothing at all to do with the Jarawa tribe.
- 3) The Jarawa have no access to the resort's land. In fact, Barefoot has had an extremely positive impact on the Tribal's interplay with the villagers in this area, demonstrated as follows:

Prior to Barefoot acquiring the said land, the Jarawa had, for a few years prior begun to, in an alteration of previous cultural behaviour, sporadically visit the Indian settlers then living here to trade with the people we bought the land from, for tobacco, alcohol and hibiscus flowers (they like the colour red) in exchange for Jarawa forest produce. This was been put to a complete stop by us, upon buying the land at the location and the Jarawa have not returned to the land for more than 2 years till date. This was a very positive development, because one avenue of resource loss from the tribal reserve and one avenue of procurement of contraband (alcohol and tobacco, not the hibiscus) had been blocked after the advent of Barefoot to the location. Barefoot in fact had then cut the hibiscus plants on its property and replaced it with endemic trees so as to remove the last remaining attraction the land held for Jarawa. All in all, we deem this to be an example of social responsibility on the part of Barefoot.

- 4) The location that our resort is based on has a history of tourism activity and development. It had been identified specifically in the Government commissioned ICZMP report of Anna University, as notified for tourism development, prior to 2004. Further, various publications of the Andaman Administration continue to market the location 'Sunset Bay, Colinpur' as a must-see tourist destination. Previous Andaman Administrations have actually worked hard to encourage tourism projects at that location and encouraged us to commence the project there. In fact, the Government's Environment & Forests Department has itself constructed facilities for tourists (shanty huts for rest and picnicking) on the boundary of our property, in 2008, after the stay order (bad in law) was served on us!
- 5) Mass Tourism activity is ongoing at our location and has been for more than a decade. Every evening the area (Sunset Bay) attracts a large number of Tourist



vehicles from Port Blair carrying tourists who stand on the beach in front of our property to watch the sunset or come there to swim and snorkel. No Jarawa are present at the location. We fail to see what difference our resort makes, in the midst of this scenario.

- 6) We have heard an argument mooted by the Administration that since Barefoot attracts *wealthy foreign clientele*, interaction with *such people* may be harmful to the Jarawa. We however are baffled by this argument. There should simply be no interaction to start with and there are enough mechanisms to ensure this. Then, also, to a Jarawa, an Indian from the mainland or a Indian settler in the Andaman Islands is no less foreign than a non-Indian passport holder, and the Jarawa are equally indifferent to their economic status. Barefoot makes no claims to being a “*Celebrity Resort*” visited by *Kate Winslet* as suggested by Survival International, but fails to see in any case why this makes a difference in the Jarawa context. An outsider is an outsider and has no business in the reserve area, whether celebrity or not or whether Indian or foreigner and we are amazed that Survival International should in any way suggest this distinction.
- 7) We have variously been advised by officials of the Andaman Administration (who claim to have the best interest of the Jarawa at heart but are still apparently stuck in a colonial mindset), that the Jarawa are ‘like their children’ and ‘intellectually incapable of making decisions on their own future’ and that the Tribal Welfare Department and that the people in charge of it are ‘like their mother and father’ and must make all decisions for them.

However, the Jarawa Policy and Protection of Aboriginal Tribes Legislation of the Indian Government clearly limits itself to activities INSIDE the Reserve; the Jarawa Policy – a widely acclaimed document meeting approval of many NGOs - however does give passing mention to surrounding areas of the reserve but only in that efforts are to be taken to *sensitize* populations around the reserve. In fact, an enlightened and defining section of the Tribal Policy states that “*A policy of maximum autonomy to the Jarawas with minimum and regulated intervention shall be adopted by the Government towards the Jarawas. There shall be no intervention in cultural life of the Jarawas and they will be left at liberty to develop according to their own genius and at their own pace.*”

This Jarawa Policy flies in the face of statements and attitudes like the above mentioned apparently colonial mindsets of certain government officials seeking to micro manage the lives of the Jarawa and now seeking to extend, through abuse of power and position, their reach to areas well outside the tribal reserve. It also flies in the face of concerted interventions by the Administration (and now by Survival International) to influence activities far OUTSIDE the Reserve areas.

It is also worth noting, {in the same spirit that Survival International in its press release stresses that “Barefoot claims that ‘sustainable and socially responsible tourism development’ is core to its philosophy” (a claim that we have



substantiated in the following section, Section 3)), that Survival International's own letterhead carries the motto "*We help tribal peoples defend their lives, protect their lands and determine their own future*", the last portion of which jars in light of Survival International's unsolicited intervention and in light of the excerpt from the Jarawa Policy mentioned above, which policy wisely suggests that the Jarawa be left to their own genius.

It is interesting to note, in fact, that Sophie Grig of Survival International has previously been quoted as saying, in January 2005 in reference to the Jarawa and other isolated communities of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands ([http://ipsnews.net/new\\_notas.asp?idnews=26891](http://ipsnews.net/new_notas.asp?idnews=26891)) that: "*The isolated communities have remained isolated from their own choice - they have made it clear that they wish to remain independent from outsiders and have defended themselves and their land from the settlers,*" Grig said. "*Therefore, I would imagine that they will continue to resist outside help, even if it's offered.*"

In fact, the history of tribal tragedies over the years has been linked to unsolicited interventions – threats arising indigenously from more advanced warrior clans and expansionist kingdoms now perhaps being replaced by threats from misplaced interventions of local governments; and the external threats of ‘conquistadors’ and ‘pioneers’, that later gave way to ‘developers’, missionaries and the exceedingly dangerous concept of ‘The White Man’s Burden’ now perhaps being replaced by ill conceived interventions – again purportedly on behalf of indigenous tribes – by outsiders including NGOs who claim to mean well, but nevertheless operate from the same “Poor Noble Savages who need our help” mindset.

In the context of the Jarawa policy that states that the Jarawa should be left to develop at their own genius, perhaps it would be educative to hear a rationalisation from Survival International of how it “helps” tribals “determine their own future” (surely a contradiction in terms!) and how this fits in with a non-interventionist tribal policy.

This last bit is partially tongue in cheek but also relevant in the context of the spirit of Survival International's Press Release and thinly veiled attack on Barefoot's credentials.

- 8) From the Press Release issued by Survival International, it appears that the entire on-ground research on which the press release is based upon is “Survival campaigner Sophie Grig, who visited the Andamans last year”. It must be stressed that the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are a chain of 572 islands, islets and rocks stretching over a longitudinal area of more than 600 kilometres. In the same spirit that I, as someone who has visited London many a time, would certainly not think to issue a press release commenting on the way Survival International conducts its business within its own premises in Charterhouse Buildings nor comment on Survival International's own interface with its neighbours and the wider local community, without at the very least having first visited the premises and



observing the impact on its neighbours and community; in this same spirit, I wouldn't expect that anyone; much less a member of responsible organisation that owes a duty of care to all stakeholders (which stakeholders includes members of the local settler community who derive their employment and livelihood from our resort), an individual who has simply visited the Andaman Islands last year and, on the face of it does not even know the location of our property (leave alone having actually visited it), should pass comment (much less a defamatory press release!) about our property.



### SECTION 3: SUBSTANTIATION OF BAREFOOT'S CLAIMS TO 'SUSTAINABLE AND SOCIALY RESPONSIBLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT'

#### People:

- 1) Over 85% of our staff are from the local community. Our nature guides are local boys from the Bengali or Karen community. At Colinpur, 100% of the staff are local to the village with the exception of the working director who is from Port Blair, 35kms away
- 2) It should be noted that we are a concerted employer of disadvantaged peoples: 65% of our total workforce is from Scheduled Caste /Scheduled Tribe categories and 20% are from Other Backward Classes as described by the Government of India
- 3) All fresh food products – groceries, vegetables, meats and seafood, and essentials are sourced from local shops and markets

#### Environment:

- 4) We use water from a captive in-house source. All our water is drawn from a perennial mountain spring. This feeds into a pond and is then piped for guest and kitchen facilities. So we do not draw from the village piped water supply. We also harvest rainwater – we have two large ponds.
- 5) We have a Reverse Osmosis (RO) plant to provide safe drinking water to guests (and minimise plastic use through mineral water bottles) and to ensure kitchen preparations are done in safe water. Reject from the RO plant is used for gardening and has been tested as 100% safe for the purpose
- 6) Flush cisterns have been modified to require less water per flush (lowering of float stop position through introduction of a permanently placed foreign object)
- 7) All kitchen waste and sewage flows into 'fat traps' and 'septic tanks' where it is digested before releasing into the soak pits which then leaches into the ground through a natural purification process. Thus the ground water catering to shallow open dug wells is not polluted and gets recharged.
- 8) We change towels and sheets based on guest request. Guests are advised to place sheets/towels in laundry basket if they want them washed.
- 9) Most of our food – vegetarian and meats are sourced locally and come from fertiliser and pesticide free sources. We also grow some of our own food in our own farm. Chickens used are free-range, pigs are our own. We do offer organic food to our guests.



- 10) We compost organic and garden waste. Our food waste is fed into an in-house piggery. We use organic compost in our plant nursery and around trees. We also use elephant dung as an organic fertiliser. The dung comes from our own resident elephant.
- 11) We have purchased a plastic recycling machine through a director of Barefoot and the same has arrived at Havelock. We are in the process of forming a partnership with the government to devise a comprehensive waste management plan for Havelock Island, and have received panchayat permission for installation of the recycling unit in Havelock – the plant will take charge of all plastic waste on the island, not just from our resort.

## Community Initiatives

### 12) Environmental Education Center

In January 2006, The Barefoot Group commenced work on building an Environmental Education Center on Havelock Island (now completed). The Environmental Education Center provides education to the Havelock Islanders on the ecology and importance of the marine environment and seeks their cooperation in upholding all environmental laws applicable to the area. At the EEC, we target schoolchildren, fishermen, and tourism sector workers as well as visiting tourists.

### Community Events

Barefoot sponsors the Annual Village Games on Havelock Island.

Barefoot also sponsors two festivals and a part of the annual carnival each year on Havelock Island.

### Tree planting

Barefoot has planted more than 1000 endemic trees on land owned by it in the Andamans. Of these, at least 400 have survived and are flourishing

The tree planting programme is ongoing



#### SECTION 4: CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

May 2004: Royal Hospitality Private Limited, a New Delhi based company, acquires land at Colinpur (Survey No.104). This plot of land and Survey No.130 belonging to a Mr. K.Vijayan are situated closer to the tribal reserve than Barefoot's reforestation land, which is in turn a distance away from Barefoot's resort. Both these lands mentioned above belonging to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties are themselves a good distance away from Barefoot's resort (but are still more than 1.5 kms distant from the Tribal Reserve themselves and across two creeks – See Appendix I).

Sept 2004: Barefoot commences acquiring land at Colinpur (*further away from the tribal reserve than the land of Royal Hospitality Pvt Ltd, but contiguous to it*). This land (13 acres in total, with an option on a further 5 acres in Survey Nos 105, 106, 107, 108), was bought as paddy land and arecanut plantation from local farmers, and dedicated by Barefoot to a reforestation exercise using only endemic tree saplings acquired from the local Forest Department, as part of Barefoot's commitment to making a positive environmental impact on all localities in which it is present. There have never been any commercial activities by Barefoot on this land. The closest point of this landholding to the Jarawa boundary is approximately 1.5 kms. There is zero development/ construction/ tourism on this land and this land is NOT contiguous to the Barefoot Resort, which happens to be also located, however, at the same village; i.e. the Resort's location is even further away from the Jarawa Reserve than the reforestation plot along a beeline or by footpath. The only activity in the last 5 years in the above mentioned landholdings has been tree planting, disturbed by the tsunami of December 2004 and recommenced from 2007.

November 2006: Barefoot acquired land in Survey No.118, at a distance from the reforestation land which had prior approval and was commercialized for tourism purposes by the Andaman Administration. This land is 3.2kms approximately from the Tribal Reserve and it is here that the resort is located. Every year, during the tourist season, Barefoot erects tents at the location (six in total) for tourists, who have zero interaction with or access to Jarawa, who do not themselves visit the location.

October 2007: The Administration came out with a targeted Notification on 30 Oct 2007 and a Stay Order solely targeted against Barefoot on 6 Nov 2007, which has been subsequently successfully challenged in court and the Order and Notification both set aside. It should be noted that no due process was followed by the Administration in bringing out the order or notification in its haste to single out and unfairly target Barefoot.

October 2007 till date: There has not been a single instance of guest interaction with nor access to Jarawa from guests staying at the Barefoot property. The same will not be tolerated or encouraged by Barefoot and Barefoot does not provide any opportunity to its



guests to indulge in the same. Any suspicious and illegal activity in this direction would, by Barefoot policy, be reported to the police and said guest be made an example of.

October 2008: Barefoot writes to the Andaman Administration after winning the court case, reiterating its verbal offers in writing, to incorporate any project level safeguards the Administration wishes to incorporate; in the absence of this Barefoot continues to be self regulating even without legal compulsions. There is no response from the Andaman Administration.

April 2009: After winning the subsequent appeal, Barefoot writes again to the Andaman Administration reiterating its offer to incorporate any project level safeguards the Administration wishes to incorporate; in the absence of this Barefoot continues to be self regulating even without legal compulsions. There is still no response from the Andaman Administration.

June 2009: Survival International issues a press release after insufficient ground work in establishing the facts of the matter



## SECTION 5:

### SUMMARY OF BAREFOOT'S DISAGREEMENT WITH THE ANDAMAN ADMINISTRATION: GROUND REALITIES OF OUR FIGHT AGAINST A BULLYING SYSTEM

Survival International mentions that "Government authorities on the Andamans want to stop the hotel, and are appealing against a Calcutta High Court ruling allowing it to go ahead."

The reality is that Barefoot is being victimized and selectively targeted by the Andaman Administration, which is evidently demonstrable as follows:

The original impugned Notification of buffer zone and subsequent Stay Order passed by the Administration which Survival International refers to was issued in October 2007 and subsequently deemed to be bad in law by the Andaman Divisional Bench and by the Calcutta High Court, and both the Order and Notification since struck down by the Indian courts repeatedly on each Appeal. However the Andaman Administration persists with its harassment to date with multiple 'Appeals'.

However, it should be noted that whereas the Notification (which is bad in law) was written to encompass ALL tourism and commercial activities within a specified radius of the reserve, it is matter of astonishment that out of the hundreds of individuals and businesses around the vast tribal reserve boundaries of South and Middle Andaman and Baratang, till date (almost two years after the Stay Order sent solely and individually to Barefoot), it is a fact that Barefoot is still, to date, the only ever recipient of a Stay Order from the Andaman Administration on curtailment of tourism activity within any radius of the reserve, based on the said Notification; this despite innumerable tourism ventures in operation and new ones continuing to start in and around the Jarawa Reserve area since then, all with far greater proximity to the Tribal Reserve than Barefoot's own tent resort under question by Survival International. It is very clear based on the Administrations subsequent action and inaction that both the Notification and the Order were passed to target Barefoot and Barefoot alone, and not for any concern about the Jarawa or concern about operation of businesses around the Tribal Reserve boundaries.

This clearly demonstrates that the Andaman Administration's attempt has been specifically targeted against Barefoot, and the attempt is to shake down and single out a single entity (Barefoot), and that the Administration is not at all in any event serious about protecting Tribal rights or acting in this regard out of concern for tribal issues. It must be remembered that this is the same Andaman Administration that still refuses to close the Andaman Trunk Road cutting through the INSIDE of the reserve, despite being in contempt of orders from the Indian Supreme Court. This is the same Andaman Administration that willfully refuses to uphold Tribal rights INSIDE the Reserve, that now purports to care about activities of the Jarawa more than 3 km OUTSIDE the reserve (but only specifically in the case of Barefoot, to the specific exclusion of all other tourism



companies and to the exclusion of the Administration's own tourism ventures and activities in and around the Reserve).

Surely Survival International should find these acts of omission and commission by the Administration suspicious, to say the least! At the worst it is an attempt to shake down Barefoot for unspecified gain for vested interests in or close to the Administration and at best a smokescreen to turn Survival International's attention away from actual legal transgressions of Jarawa rights happening on a daily basis inside the Reserve and sponsored or condoned by the Administration. We are hence bemused at Survival International's apparent ready willingness to toe the Administration's line and wonder how Survival International allowed itself to be party to this victimization of a socially responsible company by a non-caring and opportunistic Andaman Administration.

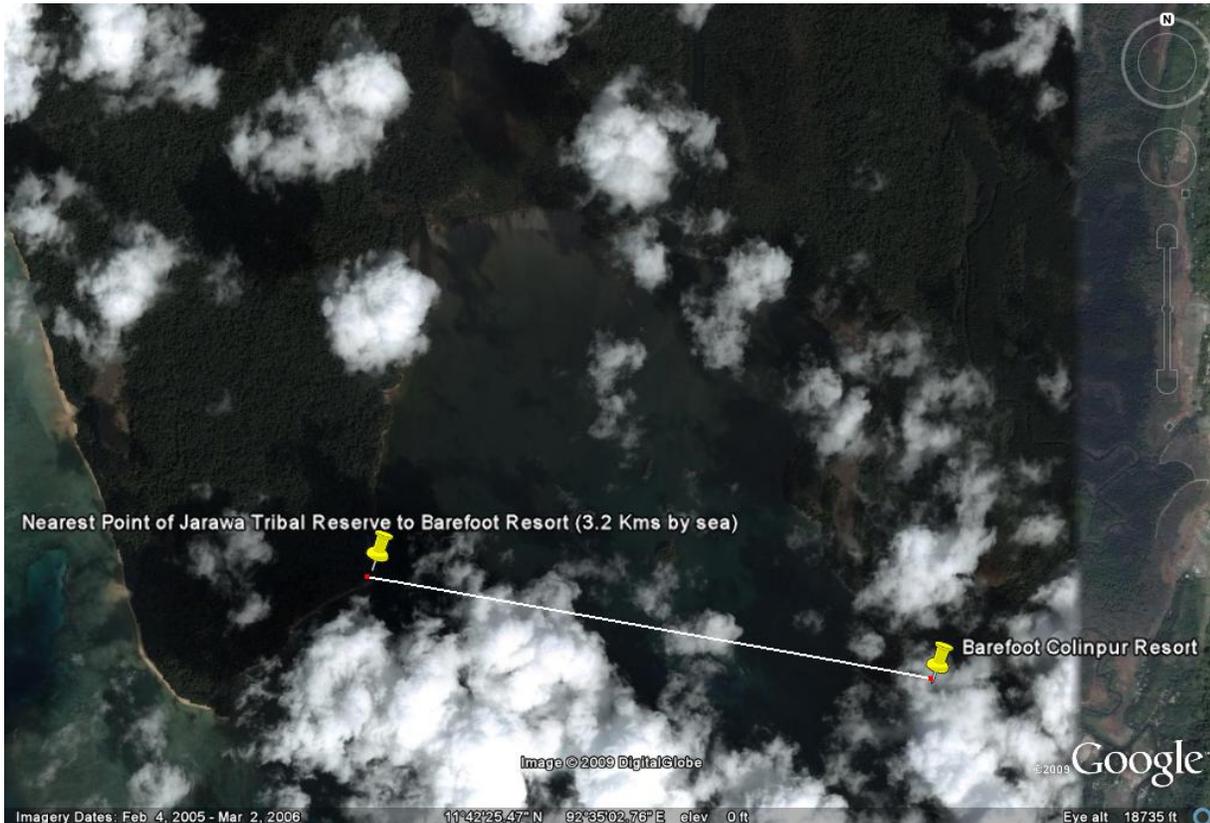
***Listed in Appendix II are examples of tourism 'development' much closer to the Tribal Reserve than Barefoot's Resort, and which the Andaman Administration is turning a blind eye to.***

In light of the fact that neither Survival International nor the Andaman Administration think that any of the above developments and many more such like developments located within 500m of the reserve pose any threat to the Jarawa, it is no wonder that Barefoot, with its resort located more than 3kms from the Tribal Reserve, naturally feels that it is being singled out and targeted by vested interests and is extremely disappointed that Survival International should join in and fuel this victimization of Barefoot.



## APPENDIX I

### ACTUAL LOCATION OF BAREFOOT'S RESORT VIS A VIS THE TRIBAL RESERVE



#### GOOGLE EARTH LOCATION MAPPING OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED LOCATIONS

The Land Holding Pattern from the nearest land based point in the Jarawa reserve to the land where Barefoot's resort is, is as follows (approximate)

- 1) Between Jarawa Reserve and first settled lands by the seaside at Colinpur (buffer lands) – More than 1.5 km of government buffer land including mangrove creek; followed by
- 2) Property Survey No.130 of Mr. K Vijayan; followed by
- 3) Property of Royal Hospitality Pvt Ltd, Survey no.104 (Delhi based company); followed by
- 4) Reforestation land owned by Barefoot (non contiguous to resort), 1 km long stretch approx; followed by
- 5) Buffer government land, followed by Government-owned hill and promontory jutting out to sea. No through path on this hill except through dense undergrowth (0.5 km); followed by
- 6) Barefoot's resort land (more than 3km from the tribal reserve, crossing over many natural obstacles and other people's lands); followed by
- 7) Other farmlands

## APPENDIX II

### **TOURISM & COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY AT OTHER LOCATIONS IN ANDAMAN ISLANDS WITH PROXIMITY TO THE TRIBAL RESERVE: A SINGLE-LOCATION EXAMPLE OF BARATANG**

BARATANG JETTY (SOUTH) – WITH TRIBAL RESERVE VISIBLE ACROSS THE WATER (LESS THAN 250m AWAY)



SIGN ADVERTISING TOURISM TO LIMESTONE CAVES – LESS THAN 250M FROM TRIBAL RESERVE. THIS MASS TOURISM ACTIVITY IS SUPERVISED & ENCOURAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT (FOREST DEPARTMENT AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT) AND CONDUCTED BY THE A&N TOUR BOAT OPERATORS ASSOCIATION. THE CAVES ARE WITHIN 500m DISTANCE OF THE RESERVE BOUNDARY AND ATTRACT HUNDREDS OF VISITORS EACH DAY, ALL DRIVING THROUGH THE ANDAMAN TRUNK ROAD TO GET THERE AND BACK



SHOP AT BARATANG JETTY (SOUTH) SELLING TOBACCO; HOTEL AT BARATANG JETTY (SOUTH), BOTH LESS THAN 250m FROM TRIBAL RESERVE



BAR AT BARATANG JETTY (SOUTH) SHOPS AT BARATANG JETTY (SOUTH)  
BOTH LESS THAN 250m FROM THE JARAWA TRIBAL RESERVE



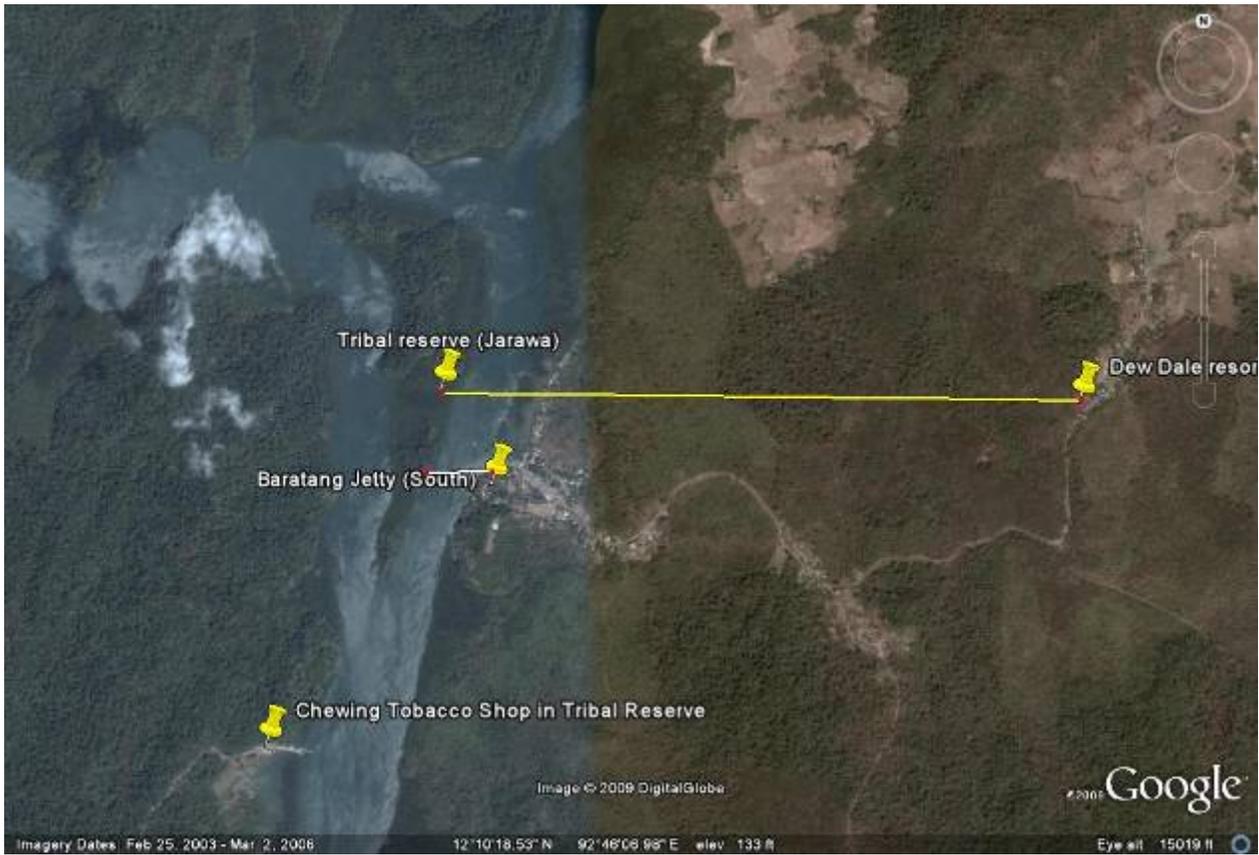
PAAN AND TOBACCO FOR SALE **INSIDE** THE TRIBAL RESERVE AREA AT THE  
POLICE CHECKPOST IN SOUTH ANDAMAN JARAWA RESERVE AREA NEAR THE  
FERRY CROSSING POINT TO BARATANG



A NEW RESORT AT BARATANG – STARTED IN 2007 AFTER THE  
ADMINISTRATION SERVED NOTICE TO BAREFOOT AND PROJECT CLEARED  
BY DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM – THIS IS LOCATED APPROX 2.7 KM FROM  
THE JARAWA TRIBAL RESERVE.



GOOGLE EARTH LOCATION MAPPING OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED LOCATIONS



Distance Baratang Jetty (South) to nearest point on Tribal reserve as per Google Satellite Map = 250 metres

Distance New Resort at Baratang to nearest point on Tribal reserve as per Google Satellite Map = 2.7 kilometres