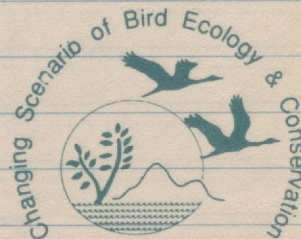


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- ① wildlife protection Act, 1972 - 65  
Rights of Scheduled tribes to be protected.
- ② G.N.I - Protected forest declared in 1967
- ③ National Parks - Only letter of intent has been published.  
LRN & LRR → law revenue and law reform regulations 1967
- ④ Look at LAA & LMR(?) - 1966 to do with Tribal area notification
- ⑤ Exact land ownership / status of G.N.I & L.A.I.



A & N Gazette, No. 47. Port Blair, 9/1/1976

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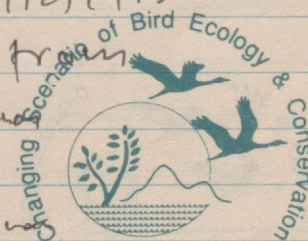
1. That the whole year in the entire area of Dundas point, Ferranguni tehsil, Sea. Andaman and the period from 1/Jan - 19 April & 16 July - 31 December, throughout the territory of A & N shall be closed time for teal.
2. 1 Feb to 31<sup>st</sup> May shall be the closed time throughout A & N islands for Imperial & Green pigeon.

Calthana Rama  
Port Secretary

A & N Gazette notification 1/12/1975

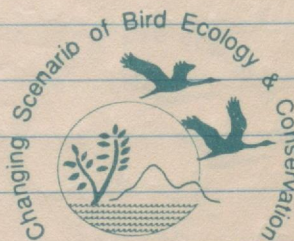
Chiefal declared a vermin  
date of publication of notification  
to of 31/march/1976

- 1) Diglipur block North Andaman
- 2) Shool By & Boraboy South Andaman
- 3) 54 villages in middle Andaman.



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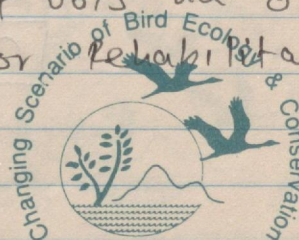
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# Status of Forest on GMI

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- ① the entire area of 20/Sept./1978  
Little Andaman - declared as reserved forest vide notification No. 59/G/635 of 1962 dated 17/4/1963. Dereservation of an area 2508.5 ha. has been approved for rehabilitation and other purposes
- ② The entire area of Great Nicobar measuring 403.3 sq miles. has been constituted as Protected Forest vide Notification No 37/67/F No. G/635 Vol. III dated 11/3/1967 and the intention to notify the said area as reserved forest has also been declared under Section 4 of Indian Forests Act 1927 vide notification No G/635/2 dated 15/3/1971. Releasement of an area of 6615 ha of land has been approved for Rehabilitation and other purposes



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Letter from Lalthan Zana ~~CCF~~ to  
DC Andaman district. Ref. CF/HQ/2(G)14

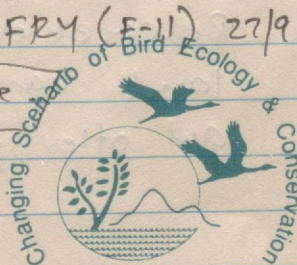
Also categorically states that notice for dereservation of the 6615 ha is being issued but no further area will be released as requirement has not been received.

Requests the Revenue survey to only survey released land to bring under village boundaries and not to disturb ~~as~~

1. \* Otherwise, apart from many other complications, we will be again facing the problems for reconciliation of the boundaries as we are <sup>now experiencing</sup> facing in the Andaman group of Islands'

| Year    | Area (ha) | Purpose        | Reference   |
|---------|-----------|----------------|---|
| 1972-73 | 5720      | Rehabilitation | Ministry's letter No dated H/11034/3-72<br>FRY (F-11) 27/9/72 |

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Great Nicobar.

| Year    | Area (ha)   | Purpose               | Reference                            |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1972-73 | 320         | Rehabilitation        | H/11034/21-72-FRY<br>(F-II) 29/12/72 |
| 1974-75 | 30          | Defence (Navy at C/B) | No. 42-6/73-J.1<br>1/11/74           |
| 1975-76 | 275         | Defence (Army at C/B) | No. 42-6/75 J.1<br>4/10/76           |
| 1976-77 | 220         | Rehabilitation        | No 2-42/76-F-II<br>14/10/76          |
|         | <u>6615</u> |                       |                                      |

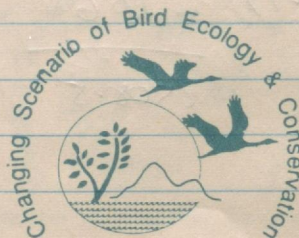
Little Nicobar

|       |               |                |   |
|-------|---------------|----------------|---|
| 70-71 | 1600          | P.E. marine    | 2-46/76-F. II<br>20/6/70                    |
| 70-71 | 120           | Rehabilitation | -do-  |
| 71-72 | 620           | -do-           | 2-46/76-F. II                               |
| 76-77 | 2.5           | P Marine       | 9/735 of Bird Ecology<br>30/6/71<br>14-3-77 |
| 76-77 | 166           | Rehab          | 2-42/76-F. II<br>14/10/76                   |
|       | <u>2508.5</u> |                |   |

Letter no. 3-35/77 - F.II dated 25/3/1980  
from Under Secretary Ministry of Agri.  
to Chief Commissioner A.M. Copy to  
C.C.F.

Approval of G.O.I. to release of:-

1. East Coast of G.O.I. 230 acres resettlement of of ex-servicemen 1 acre / family for 25 families.
2. Great Nicobar 180 acres for pilot project settlers.
3. Campbell bay township 340 acres Establishment of township.



No. 9/539-J. 22/1/1980

CCF has no objection to 1.61 ha release at landy No. 3 on Tillanchow. to lookout post of Police Dept.

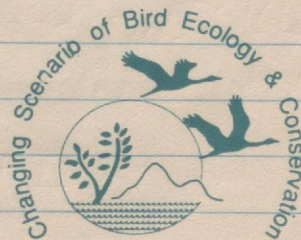
De-notification of protected forests probably did not take place at above site.

- Also de-notification from tribal lands was requested - 33-47/79-Judl 5/5/79

NO. 1-26/DEV/2359 7/9/79

AC Car Nic. to DFO Nicobar

Proposed to allot 500 ha of grants at Kamorta for Caslew plantation.



Dy. No. 3575 - FM/78 - VIP (I)

19/12/1978

From H.M. Patel

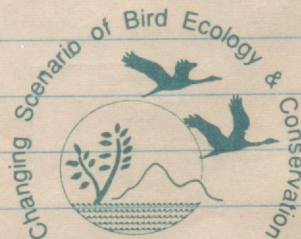
To R. Tirumalai

Secretary ; Min of Rehab. Delhi

Letter No. 43/Secy 78-12/12/1978

Tirumalai issues abandonment of further schemes of rehabilitation of migrants in Andaman + Nicobar Islands.

3 Reports of 3 expert bodies on ATM Islands have clearly pointed that development of Islands - for migrants, economic or defence purposes will be detrimental to ATM Islands.



208 + 108 ha on kavorta allotted  
to Army

DC office order No 29 15/2/79  
410 acres between Harbour & Micobur  
settlements in little Andaman.

DC office order No. 16 9/1/79

DC Micobur District office order No 281  
19/12/78

450 acres between km 39 & 41  
on HS rd at Campbell Bay for  
Hwy.

Land bound on North and East by  
Gout forest; South by HS Rd and  
East by Gout. Forest. and West by  
Gatatheet River.

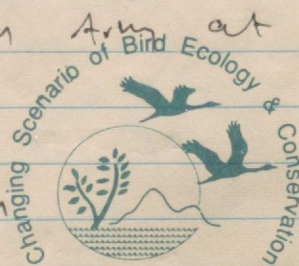


8-233/78-RH 5/12/78  
office of deve. - cum - Rehab. Commissioner  
AM

As recommended by land use committee

Release of following land.

1. 2000 Acres to IAF at Pygmalion point. 9N1
2. 455 Acres to I. May at South bay 9/Nicobar
3. 200 Acres to Indian May at C/Bay in 9/Nic.
4. 250 Acres to Indian May at Kanonta
5. 109 Acres to " May " "
6. 688 Acres to Indian Army at Cheryappa bay
7. 410 acres to Indian May in little Andaman

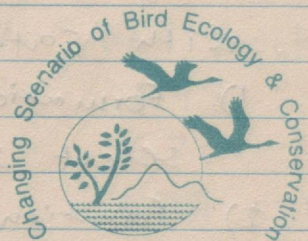


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DC Carnatic vrcle letter No. 5-1 (19)/  
27 - pub / 36 96 9/10/78 to chrt sec.  
A&M Admn. states

'As the entire Great Nicobar has  
been constituted protected forest the  
area has to be de-notified before allotment.



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7/9/78 ; Soil Cons. off. to DCF. Chatham  
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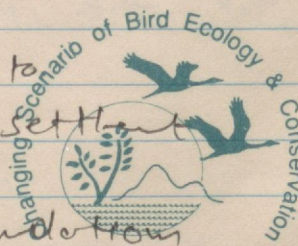
Note on land release, reclamation  
and induction of families in Great Nicobar.

2 units of R.R.O.? ; One in 1969  
and one in Dec. 1973.

Till 1975 forest was Reclaimed. In  
1975 Prime minister ordered directives  
for halt in deforestation pending  
study of environmental and ecological  
aspects. Committee Multi disciplinary  
study team consisting of representatives  
of Agricultural science, Technology &  
Rehabilitation visited GMI in May 1975.

They recommended the continuation of project  
with safeguards.

- 1) Formation of task force to  
select suitable land for settlement
- 2) Formation of land use  
committee to examine recommendations  
of task force and to forward proposals  
of reclamation to Min. of Agri.

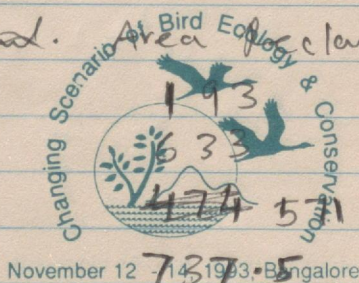


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| Year | Families included                    | Area reclaimed by R.R.O. | Area reclaimed by Mand. | Total  |
|------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 1969 | 69                                   | 139.1                    | 193                     | 332.1  |
| 70   | 31                                   | 344.9                    | -                       | 344.90 |
| 71   | -                                    | 286.0                    | -                       |        |
| 72   | -                                    | 264.0                    | -                       |        |
| 73   | -                                    | 350.0                    | 37                      | 387.0  |
| 74   | 138                                  | 210.0                    | 108                     | 318    |
| 75   | <del>Readjustment of cotudrows</del> | <del>426.0</del>         | <del>85</del>           | 511    |
| 76   | Readjustment of cotudrows            |                          |                         | 1606   |
| 77   | 49                                   | 718                      | -                       | 718    |
| 78   | -                                    | 267                      | -                       | 267    |
|      | 287                                  | 3005                     | 423                     | 3428   |
|      |                                      |                          |                         | 1606   |

of 287 families included only 274 are present.

| Village           | No. of family | Area reclaimed | Total Area reclaimed |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
| C/ Bay            | -             | -              | -                    |
| Goudanagar        | 51            | -              | -                    |
| Joginernagar      | 37            | -              | -                    |
| Vijayanagar       | 65            | 1250           | 143                  |
| laxminagar        | 46            |                |                      |
| 30 km             | 49            | 1340           | 571                  |
| Sastrimar         | 26            |                |                      |
| 7 km project area |               |                |                      |
|                   |               |                | 471.0                |
|                   |               |                | 459.5                |
|                   |               |                | 348.0                |
|                   |               |                | 15.0                 |

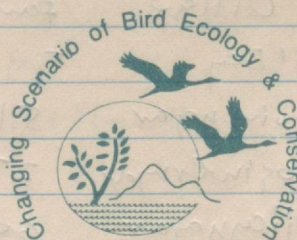


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exist in Hle.

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Area proposed for reed. on map. ↗

1. Area found suitable & reclaimed ~~3428~~
2. Area found suitable but 3428 Acre  
still under forest and to be reclaimed 1213 Acre.  
during next season
3. Area partly reclaimed 270 Acre.
4. Area proposed to be reclaimed  
during the next year by R.R.O 586
5. " " to be reclaimed mainly 66 acres.

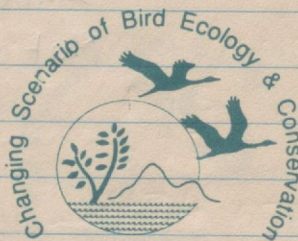


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Encroachments. 20/5/78 minutes of  
law & Committee.

In Paschimsagar & Gandhi Nagar  
1727 acres encroached since 1968

For Aulanas. The authority



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Minutes of meeting of land use committee  
held on 20/5/78.

Okayed. - 2000 acres for IAF at Intirapoint

Okayed land for May.

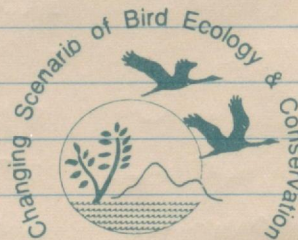
450 acres between 39-41 km at GNI

200 acres at C' Bay

250 acres at Kamorta.

410 acres in little Andam.

IV Expansion of Rubber to 2000 ~~acres~~  
on Katchall  
So far only 1475 ha acres has  
been planted. Additional 525 acres.  
sanctioned.  
Not recommended.



Pilot Project settlers. 69-20  
were promised 14 1/2 acres / family  
but were given only 11. They agitated  
in 1977 and so it was decided to  
give 3 1/2 acres more based on eligibility  
based on land use efficiency.

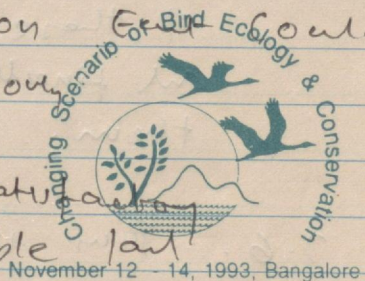
(\*) V.II :- Team of Secretaries headed  
by Cabinet Secretaries visited in  
Dec. 1976 recommended settlement of 2000  
ex-servicemen in GMI.

Further Central Co-ordination Committee  
reviewed the matter and (24/2/78 Delhi)  
giving final scope of settlement.  
aim at 100 families per year.

7.1 So far 287 families on  
and there is scope for another  
25 families more.

7.2 utilisation of land not saturated

7.3. on west coast available land  
11000 acres

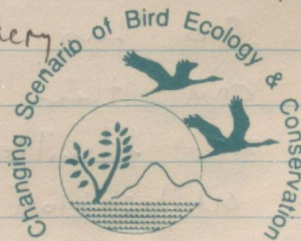


7.4. of which 2450 ha for defence.

7.4. 11 acres per family + 3 acres for roads, drainage, buildings, playground etc. So 600 families can be settled.

7.5. 212 Skompen & 165 Nicobaris for whom 1 sq km/person - 377 sq km

Central Coordinating Govt. Advisory Committee on primitive tribals consisting of Lt. Govt Blair on 10/5/78 strongly recommended that any further settlements of exservicemen in G Nicobar will jeopardize existence and lifestyles of these tribals, displace and finally exterminate them.



7.6. But no resettlement on west coast.

(7) By 1978 April decision was taken to discontinue settlement on Little Andam

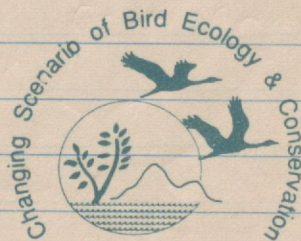
96/91/1718

16/1/78. - DCF Mic Div.

(8) Forest area lost on account of ~~fore~~ road. in Great Nicobar.

~~C 80 km~~ 1022.4 Acres.  
85.2 km.

Katchall 23 km 276 Acre.

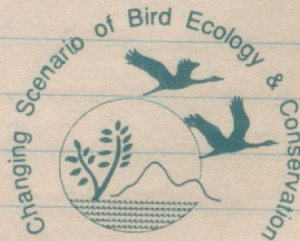


Extracts from proceedings of the meeting held on 1/2/1977. in the conference hall of secretariat.

Items

(5) 1. Chief Commissioner clarified that there will be no allotment of land at cost of the forest.

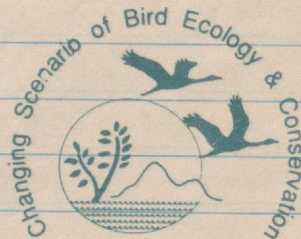
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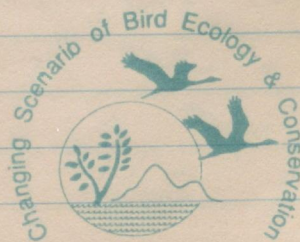
Minutes of meeting of 1st committee.  
29/10/76.

about 5 crores spent on trunk  
roads of Great Nicobar

Minutes of 1st committee on 7/5/80  
Amounte required for flat lat 7 km. long  
and 2 km wide for the fly way on  
an uninhabited island.



Gazette Notifications Leach forest  
etc. of Nicobar Dist.



Gazette of India. N. Delhi Feb 20 1991

Min. of En. & For.

~~Q No 20~~ Controlling building activities in coastal belt.

- 1) No construction within 200m of HTA
- 2) Corals and sand not to be cut.

A & N Gazette 18/3/1992

Power conferred by subsection (1) of section.

~~Intention~~ Intention to constitute the Galathea National Park.

Area 110 sq. km (approx.)

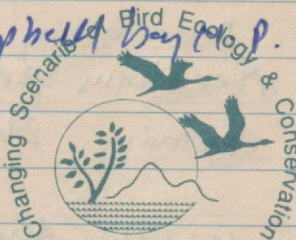
North E-W. Rd 16 km - 38 km.

Enl.

18/3/1992

426.23 sq. km.

Intention to constitute *Ganpabha Bay Ecology & Conservation*.

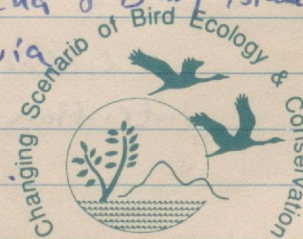


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No. ANPATR/3(1)/1

Chief Commissioner declares each of the foll. areas to be a reserved area.

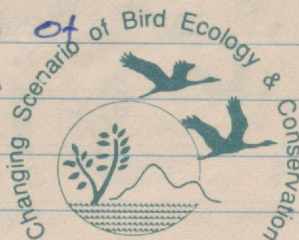
a) Re S. Andaman. west of an imaginary line & going NE from mouth of Constance Bay along Bajalunta Jig to the Southern tip of Chaluanga range. Northwards to Mt. Cadell then east to Pochang creek then along eastern coast S. Andaman Island to a point approx 600228 <sup>(Committing James, Kudd & other islets)</sup> and then North (along an alignment to be made by F.D.) to join Putatang Jig then N along Putatang Jig & Amitla Soicha passage of Middle Strait along the east coast of South Andaman (excl. Belle, Bonly, Orad, Kaicha & Baby Islands) proceeding to Yeratil Jig via Needham Reach & Point Anson enclosing Bluff & Spike Islands.



b) Middle Andaman. west of <sup>November 14, 1993, Bangalore</sup> imaginary line from S. Andaman north from Yeratil Jig to Bayan Channel along the Bash Police line

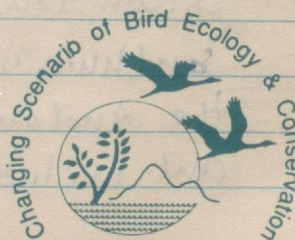
either subject to adjustment of FD. So line  
may coincide with FD adjustment alignment  
in Porlob & Beroin Vol areas between  
Teratil / Charatunga Bush Police posts.  
provided sufficient land is left to the  
west of such alignment on the eastern side  
of the range to provide enough hunting  
ground for Sarawas when they are on  
the move and from point of view  
of terrain, availability of water as a  
patrol path.

- c) entire areas of  
Rutland (committed by. Not. No. 87/F  
No 81-14/4772 J-I dt 27/5/73  
N. Sentinel, Cringue,  
Passage, Sisters, Brothers  
South Sentinel and other Islands / islets  
southwards in the territory of  
the Andaman & Nic. Islands  
and including C. Andaman.



d) Entire area comprised in and enclosed within the coat of, but excl. air field at Car Nic and ports of Camorta & Carnic.

Car Nicobar, Battimalu, Tillanchoy, Chona, Teresa, Bompola, Camorta, Trinkut, Mancowry, Rutchall, Meroe, Trah, Treis, Menchal, C. Nic., Pulo Milo, G. Nic., Kondul kahra.



powers under - clause (a) of subsection 1 of section 4  
of the Indian Forest Act 1927 (Act XVI of 1927)

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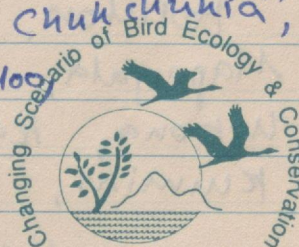
~~It is decided to constitute the areas~~ <sup>Intention notification</sup>  
below as reserved forest.

1. Entire area of foll. Islands.

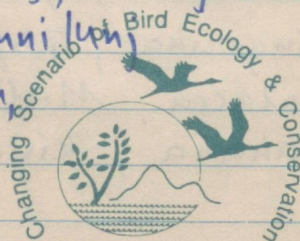
Batti Malu, Tillingchou, Parra Rock, Isle of  
Man, Arthur, Twin Islet, False Island,  
Mangrove Islet, Ni-Ai Rock, Miroe,  
Treis, Trah, Kohra, Pigeon, Megapod,  
Walker, Cane, Reef, (erholes), Snake,  
Pin, Boat.

2. Car Nic excl. area of 17 vill

Mus, Kinmai, Bry lapaty, small lapaty,  
Bloch H.Q., Sawai, T. Top, Chukchunra,  
Kingouka, Tapoin, Perka, Tamaloo,  
Malacca, Malacca H.Q., Arony  
kahana, kinois.



3. Chowra excl. 5 vill  
Ocheat, Kuitaseek, Chouy kamong,  
Raihon, Tahaiah.
4. Bompoka excl. vill Bompoka.
5. Teresa. excl. 12 vill  
Beyali, Aluvay, Kalani, Sateel Buly,  
Miniyuk, Kinvi, Kalara, Chuchmaeli,  
Kananinet, Enam, Iuxi, Allora
6. Katchal excl 28 vill.  
Kapaya, Kupinga, Janigh, Shoola, Hitlat,  
West Bay, Malatpu, Delli, Lahamnat,  
Cheneyang, Kulatapan, Halahlehi,  
Kalthola, Riyachung, Kusa, Kuyatapa,  
Hoiuton, Cainakap, Tapanj, Changlanni,  
Mapayala, Hoi poh, Changtanni luph,  
Utkona, Kamriyah, Kaakuwa,  
Kuimiki, Hintona.



7. Camorta. 21 vill.

Uahava, Pilpilo, Alinyon, Dany, Chanol,  
Koray, Bumpal, Maru, Bandar Khari, Tamach  
Aluhiah, Masalatapu, Changua, Alpin tung,  
Kalatapu, Krot, Payuna, Zamja, Anah,  
Munah, Bada Inah, Chota Inah.

8. Trinkat excl. trinkt vilage.

9. Mancowg excl. 16 vill.

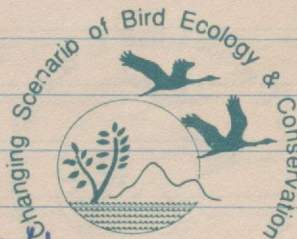
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Ethoi, Tapong, Altheah, linnanga, Kabila,  
Neang, Hayaka, Aliha, Inrah, Capat,  
Hintona, Alreak.

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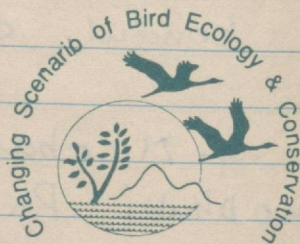
11. kondul. excl. kondul.

12. G. Nicobar ex. 12 vill.

Pulodhabhi, Puhokapinhi, Kasingath  
Koi, Kotinyon, Natitye, Chinghen, Puloparka,  
Kohen, Inhenyobi, Palopaham. & C. Bay  
Settlement

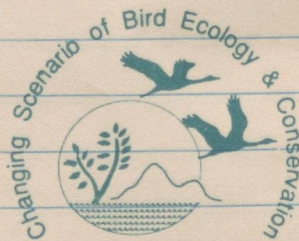


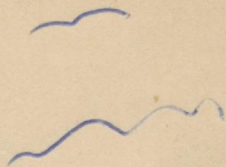
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Pulopanja, Ilhoya, Intoh, <sup>pattra</sup> Mahachua,  
Anil, Akupa, Minlan, Intoh, Pilo Bha  
Pea, Hoin, pattra, Kiang, Bewai,  
Pulo Ulo, Pulobahuan, Pulotohic.



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15/2/93 - 17/2/93

Island pillow mallow Island.

| S.No. | Species                          | Notes                                 |
|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|       | <del>Pied imperial pigeon</del>  | <del>In flight</del>                  |
|       | <del>Racket tailed drongo.</del> |                                       |
|       | <del>Shikra sp.</del>            |                                       |
|       | Green heron.                     | (Young one in cage)                   |
|       | Pond heron                       |                                       |
|       | Reef heron                       |                                       |
|       | Shikra sp.                       |                                       |
|       | Pompadour pigeon.                | Commonest pigeon heard seen v. plenty |
|       | Cuckoo-dove                      | heard.                                |
|       | Red cheeked parakeet             |                                       |
|       | White bellied swiftlet           |                                       |
|       | Storm billed kingfisher          |                                       |
|       | Green breasted pitta.            | heard.                                |
|       | Black naped oriole               |                                       |
|       | Racket tailed drongo             |                                       |
|       | Pied imperial pigeon             | fly over island.                      |
|       | Glossy tree shrike               |                                       |
|       | Keel                             |                                       |
|       | Olive backed sunbird             |                                       |
|       | Yellow backed sunbird.           |                                       |
|       | Whimbrel                         |                                       |
|       | Black naped tern.                |                                       |

December - 11 - Jan 28 / 1993

1 Sighting = Individual or Hoek.

Island Great Nicobar

| S.No. | Species                      | Notes  |
|-------|------------------------------|--|
|       | Purple heron                 | Not uncommon. A few are present along the N.S. road in marshy areas. Several on the Galathea river, further a couple or so in the marshy area west of '46'. In all < 50 sightings.                   |
|       | Little green heron           | Very common on Galathea river. Less so on sea face. A few seen on Alexandra river. Presumably a common heron of rivers of Great Nicobar but scarce or less common elsewhere. In all 50-60 sightings. |
|       | Pond heron (or Chinese?)     | A few present. < 3 sightings on N.S. road. 7-8 birds present on airstrip.  |
|       | Intermediate egret.          | Commonly seen but patchily distributed. < 20 or so were present in the lagoon of Kabeion. Scarce elsewhere. Less than 20 sightings.  |
|       | Eastern reef heron.          | A few seen along sea face 50+ sightings.   |
|       | Yellow Bittern.              | Saw a few on Galathea. Many immatures. One sighting on Alexandra < 20 sightings.   |
|       | Shikra. sp.                  | Uncommon. < 10 sightings. Appear to be present throughout island. Seen on Galathea at '41' on N.S. rd. At Navy Dera bety mobbed by racket tailed drongo. One sooty at Am. '28' on N.S. rd.           |
|       | White Bellied sea-eagle.     | Commonly seen on Sea Board. > 50 sightings. Many immatures seen.   |
|       | Great Nicobar serpent eagle. | Heard frequently, seen less often. Throughout island 40-50 sightings / calls heard.  |
|       | Megapode.                    | Common. > 100 sightings / calls. Throughout island.  |
|       | White breasted waterhen      | Common. > 50 sightings.  |
|       | Golden plover.               | Group of 2-3 birds at Kabeion.   |
|       | Lesser sand plover.          | Common on sea face > 100 sightings.  |
|       | Kentish plover (?)           | Kabeion. 1 sighting  |
|       | Less whimbrel.               | Common. On rivers sea face; few in agriculture on N.S. road. > 100 sightings.  |
|       | Bar tailed Godwit.           | Few Hoek seen. Both on Galathea and sea face < 10 sightings.   |
|       | Red shank                    | Few seen on Galathea. & mud flat of Kabeion 20-30 sightings. Mostly in ones and 2  |
|       | Terek sandpiper.             | Single Hoek of < 20 birds at Kabeion.  |
|       | Common sandpiper             | Mostly solitary. Seen regularly on sea board. 80-100 sightings.  |
|       | Little stint.                | Few seen at Kabeion. < 5 sightings.  |
|       | Crab plover                  | Single Hoek of about 15+ birds at Kabeion.   |
|       | Eastern black headed tern.   | Few seen. Couple mobbed w. bellied sea-eagle at Kabeion. 8-9 birds on new coral island at km (14-15). Possibly Hairy < 20 sightings.   |

## Island

| S.No. | Species                                 | Notes   |
|-------|---|---|
|       | Lesser crested tern.                    | Group of about a dozen on rock at '46' (in sea). 1 sighting.  |
|       | Pompadour pigeon.                       | Flock of 19 on Alexandra. 1 dead bird in Galathra river. A few seen at '41' on 25/1/93 but none during visit 12-15 Dec. (< 10 sightings).   |
|       | Nicobar Green Imperial pigeon.          | V. common. Where pied imperial is common this sp. becomes rare > 200 sightings.   |
|       | Rivet                                   | Seen copulatively on 27/12/92 at Kopenheath.  |
|       | Wood pigeon                             | Very common, & difficult to differentiate from Green Imperial pigeon in field. Unsure of number of sightings.   |
|       | Pied Imperial pigeon.                   | Common at places especially around coconut and sea face. Pair seen building nest at Kochin Down on top of tall > 30m coconut tree <sup>(27/12/92)</sup> . One nest seen low down over Jafal Mullah on leaf of Dhanipathi c 3m from ground. Single white egg. (on 13/1/93). This species though overlapping with Green Imperial pigeon is more common where the former latter is scarce and vice versa. > 100 sightings.                             |
|       | Cuckoo-dove.                            | Rare. Sighted <del>once</del> <sup>twice</sup> on Galathra <sup>(27/12/92)</sup> and once (2) <del>times</del> at Kopenheath. One on Negapode Island.   |
|       | <del>Nicobar</del> pigeon. Emerald-dove | Possibly more common in the interior. I found it to be rare in the areas that I surveyed mainly flat land. < 5 sightings.   |
|       | Nicobar pigeon.                         | Commonly seen but thinly distributed. In places up to 10 or 12 birds can be flushed from a single patch of forest. More usually seen in 2s or 3s. Prefer the ground from which they rise with a distinctive flapping noise. Land on a horizontal branch a few inches up, before flying further away. Walk rapidly along the forest floor. At Kochin Down 3 birds came to the sea at low tide at dawn and drank sea-water. 50-60 sightings/hearings. |
|       | Blyth's Nicobar Parakeet.               | Common. Similar to Nicobar scarce when redcheek parakeet is common and vice versa. <sup>Mandydera/</sup> less common or rare between Campbell Bay and Chiyam. > 100 sightings.  |
|       | Nicobar redcheeked parakeet             | V. common between C' Bay and Galathra. Mostly in January. > 200 sightings.  |
|       | Brain fever Bird                        | 1 imm seen on 15/1/93 at May Dera.  |
|       | Small cuckoo.                           | 2 individuals seen on 20/12/92 at Galathra on road to Chiyam near Galathra.   |
|       | Emerald cuckoo.                         | 1 ♀ seen on 16/12/92 at '41'.   |
|       | Andaman koel.                           | Very common. > 200 sightings/hearings. Distributed throughout island and very vocal in Dec. & Jan. possibly parasitic on Droyo & Myiurus as both spp. were seen chasing the koel.   |

Island Great Nicobar.

| S.No. | Species                          | Notes  |
|-------|----------------------------------|--|
|       | Small Blue Kingfisher.           | A few seen on rivers and on sea face. < 20 sightings.  |
|       | Nicobar storm killed Kingfisher. | Common. Seen throughout coast and on rivers. > 70 sightings.   |
|       | Black capped Kingfisher.         | Common. On Galathea. Scarce elsewhere 30-40 sightings.   |
|       | White collared Kingfisher.       | Uncommon. < 10 sightings. Most of which were within the forest. Often birds were flushed from the ground. Either resting (though no nest were found) or also feed considerably on crabs etc. Seen once on Galathea and 2-3 times elsewhere on coast. |
|       | Nicobar green breasted Pitta.    | Scarce. 2 sightings. Heard several times call a 3 rarely 4 note quick whistle akin to a yelp or a small yip. Unshy. 10-15 seeds (at least) sightings/hearings.   |
|       | Brown shrike.                    | Single sighting at km 30/31 on N.S. road in agriculture  |
|       | Nicobar blacknaped Oriole.       | fairly common. Seen occasionally <sup>once</sup> <del>sometimes</del> in large group of $\leq$ 8-10 birds. < 20 sightings. More often seen 35-40 km.   |
|       | Nicobar racket tailed drongo.    | Common but patchily distributed. v. common at Galathea. less so to scarce elsewhere > 100 sightings.   |
|       | Glossy tree shrike.              | v. common. In large flock of 30-40 birds. prefer (and lastly in Jan and Dec/Jan) on <del>dead</del> tall dead trees sticking out of the forest. > 100 sightings.   |
|       | Nicobar Hill mynah.              | v. common throughout island. > 200 sightings.  |
|       | Olive flycatcher                 | Single sighting. Shan Bay 12/1/93  |
|       | Paradise flycatcher              | Single sighting of a ♀ above trunk of bay.   |
|       | Nicobar blacknaped monarch.      | Possibly commoner than I sighted. 15-20 sightings. Nest in Pandanus $\approx$ 1/2 m from ground besides E.W. rd. Both ♂ & ♀ attend small cup shaped nest. on 23/1/93   |
|       | Great reed warbler               | ? Single quick sighting and characteristic chuck in besides N.S. rd in mangrove area.  |
|       | Grey catbird                     | Common. In forest, sea coast, rivers and agriculture. > 70 sightings.  |
|       | Nicobar olive backed sunbird     | v. common. Mostly in Jan. less end Dec. > 200 sightings.   |
|       | Nicobar yellow backed sunbird    | Common. but less than olive back. seem to prefer mangrove areas where olive back is also seen in good numbers. > 70-80 sightings.  |
|       | White-eye.                       | ? possible sighting near Galathea bridge   |



29/1/93 - 15/2/93

Island: Little Nicobar

| S.No. | Species                       | Notes   |
|-------|-------------------------------|---|
|       | Little Green Heron            | Single sighting in <sup>mangrove</sup> <del>coast</del> ; (did not survey much in nullahs) at Reinjé  |
|       | Pond Heron                    | < 5 sightings. At Bined 2 birds and a couple more near Akupa  |
|       | Eastern Cattle egret          | A single bird seen at Pilo Baha village. Bird is a regular visitor to village.  |
|       | Eastern Reef heron            | Similar to Great Nicobar a few seen everywhere. < 50 sightings.   |
|       | Shikra sp.                    | Uncommon < 5 sightings  |
|       | White bellied sea-eagle       | Commonly seen. Immatures infrequently seen < 30-35 sightings  |
|       | Great Nicobar serpent-eagle   | Uncommon. < 10 sightings/heavys   |
|       | Megapode.                     | Common. < 50 sightings/heavys.  |
|       | Lesser sand plover.           | Uncommon < 10 sightings.  |
|       | Whimbrel                      | Less frequently seen than on Great Nicobar < 25 sightings   |
|       | Red shank.                    | Uncommon. < 10 sightings.   |
|       | Common sandpiper.             | Similar to Great Nicobar. < 50 sightings.   |
|       | Eastern Black capped tern.    | Sparsely distributed. Nesty on Mangateya 7 (3 nests x 2 eggs + 3 x 1 + 2 ch) on one rock and 11 (8 x 2 + 3 x 1) nests on the other. < 20 sightings. |
|       | Pompadour pigeon              | Frequently seen. < 20 sightings/heavys.   |
|       | Green Imperial pigeon.        | Scarce < 20 sightings. Slightly different from Great Nicobar by being conspicuously less.   |
|       | Wood pigeon                   | Same problem as in Great Nicobar.   |
|       | Died Imperial pigeon.         | Seen often in flight as birds go to or come from Nereojé etc. < 20 sightings.   |
|       | Cuckoo-dove.                  | Uncommon. < 5 sightings/heavy   |
|       | Emerald dove.                 | Uncommon. Single study of 3 birds.  |
|       | Blyth's Nicobar parakeet.     | Single sighting   |
|       | Red cheeked parakeet          | Common > 100 sightings.   |
|       | Indian cuckoo                 | Single sighting at Ijai   |
|       | Andaman keel.                 | Common. > 100 sightings/heavys.   |
|       | Small blue kingfisher         | Infrequently seen < 5 sightings.  |
|       | Stork billed k.f.             | Similar to G.M.F. a few seen all along coast. < 50 sightings.   |
|       | Black capped k.f.             | Infrequently seen < 10 sightings.   |
|       | Nicobar green breasted pitta. | More common than in Great Nicobar < 20-50 sightings/heavys.   |

Island

| S.No. | Species                    | Notes  |
|-------|----------------------------|--|
|       | Nicobar Blacknaped oriole. | fairly common. Seen/heard < 10 times.  |
|       | Racket tailed drongo.      | Conspicuously less common than in G.N.I. < 20-25 sightings.  |
|       | Glossy tree shrike         | V. common. < 50 sightings.   |
|       | Hill mynah.                | less common than in G.N.I. and seem to be clumped in its distribution.   |
|       |                            | < 50 sightings. Dialectic differences possibly occur/or rather vocabulary varies and calls in vogue differs from those in G.N.I. |
|       | Blacknaped Monarch.        | Present. < 5 sightings.  |
|       | Grey wagtail               | <sup>Highly</sup> <del>Commonly</del> seen. < 30 sightings.  |
|       | Forest wagtail             | sight sighting at Bombay.  |
|       | Olive backed sunbird       | V. common. < 100 sightings / days  |
|       | Yellowbacked sunbird.      | less common. But possibly calls often mistaken for olive backed. < 10 sightings / days.  |
|       | white bellied swiftlet     | Commonly seen. < 10 colonies.  |

Island Meroe:- 30/12/93 - 2/1/94 circumference of island  $\approx$  9.4 km.

| S.No. | Species                  | Notes   |
|-------|--------------------------|---|
|       | Long tailed tropic Bird. | More than 25 present on eastern side, where there are cliffs and the coast is very rocky. |
|       | Pond heron               | 2 sighted in inland saltwater lake.   |
|       | Pet heron                | Quite common on sea boat. 10-15 sightings.  |
|       | White bellied sea-eagle  | 3-4 sightings.  |
|       | Megapode                 | 10-12 sightings & calls heard.  |
|       | Columbrel                | Quite common on sea boat. 10-15   |
|       | Common sandpiper         | " " "   |
|       | Blacknaped tern          | v. few present $<$ 5 sightings.   |
|       | Green imperial pigeon    | heard and seen $\approx$ 10   |
|       | Pied imperial pigeon     | <del>10-15</del> 3 sightings.   |
|       | Nicobar pigeon.          | Quite common particularly in the forested area. $>$ 20 sightings. 1 flock of 8-10 birds.  |
|       | Redcheeked parrot.       | common $>$ 20   |
|       | Koel                     | $>$ 20 calls heard.   |
|       | Common hawk cuckoo       | 2 present near camp. Both immatures. 1 was shot by nicobari.                              |
|       | Stork billed A.F.        | 2-3   |
|       | Glossy tree stave.       | heard at 2-3 places   |
|       | Black naped monarch      | common 10-12 sightings, calls heard.  |



Island

S.No. Species Notes

Yellow wagtail

sa few 100 birds in paddy field

flit sp.

White backed munia

4-5 flocks 20+ birds in paddy field

white eye

2

Red shank

1

Island Katchall 21/3 - 24/3

| S.No. | Species                  | Notes   |
|-------|--------------------------|---|
|       | pond heron               | 4-5 birds in paddy field  |
|       | Green heron              | 1 in nallah near kayaya   |
|       | shikra                   | 1   |
|       | w.B. sea-eagle           | <5  |
|       | white breasted waterhen  | 10-12   |
|       | Golden plover            | 5-10 in paddy field and few on coast                                  |
|       | snipe sp.                | 1+1 (paddy field)   |
|       | lesser sand plover       | 2-3 flocks  |
|       | Common sandpiper         | <5  |
|       | Black-necked tern        | <10   |
|       | Green Imperial pigeon    | 6-15  |
|       | Pompadour pigeon         | heard 3-5 times   |
|       | Pied Imperial pigeon     | 1   |
|       | Cuckoo dove              | 2 calls   |
|       | Emu dove                 | 10-12 +   |
|       | Red cheeked parakeet     | 8-10  |
|       | koel                     | 2-3   |
|       | Whitebellied Swiftlet    | 4-5   |
|       | House swift              | 1 Dark bird with white rump.  |
|       | White collared nighthawk | 10-15   |
|       | Black-necked oriole      | 5-10  |
|       | Black-necked monarch     | 6-10  |
|       | Brown shrike             | 1 at kayaya   |
|       | Racket tailed Droyo      | 3 (heard 9.4.)  |
|       | Small Andaman drovo.     | 5-6 birds in paddy field. No rackets, no crest and deeply forked tail |
|       | White headed mynah       | 3-5   |
|       | Pied cuckoo-shrike       | 1   |
|       | Red whiskered bulbul     | 10-12   |
|       | Nicobar bulbul           | 15-20 1 flock 700 birds. Common in forest                             |

Island Tillanchong 1/3/94 - 7/3/94

| S.No. | Species                 | Notes  |
|-------|-------------------------|--|
|       | white bellred sea-eagle | < 5  |
|       | Blacknaped monarch      | 15-20  |
|       | Roed                    | 15-20  |
|       | Megapode                | 410-20   |
|       | Noddy tern              | 1 perched on floating wood $\approx$ 1 km from Tillanchong |
|       | Blacknaped tern         | 8-10   |
|       | Reef heron              | 10-15  |
|       | Green imperial pigeon   | 100+   |
|       | Oh Pied imperial pigeon | 2-3  |
|       | olive nacht sunbird     | 50+ <del>count</del>                                       |
|       | Indian moorhen          | 10+  |
|       | whitebreasted waterhen  | 10+  |
|       | Median egret            | 1  |
|       | Black capped K.F.       | 10-12  |
|       | white collar K.F.       | 15+  |
|       | Yellow Bittern          | 5-10   |
|       | clatnut Bittern         | 1-2  |
|       | Green heron             | 1-2  |
|       | Pond heron              | less 2-3   |
|       | Grey rumped swiftlet    | 100+   |
|       | Shikra                  | 1  |
|       | Red cheeked parakeet    | 50+  |
|       | Blacknaped oriole       | 5-10   |
|       | colinvald               | < 5  |
|       | Small Blue Myzoster     | 1  |
|       | Nicobar pigeon          | 2  |
|       | Pompadour pigeon        | 2  |
|       | cuckoo-dove             | 2  |
|       | Purple moorhen          | 1  |
|       | snipe sp.               | 2  |
|       | rail sp.                | 1  |
|       | Nicobar Bulbul          | 1 (flock of 8-10 birds)                                    |
|       |                         | greentail glossy   |

Island Bompoka. 20/1/94 - 31/1/94

| S.No. | Species                | Notes        |
|-------|------------------------|--------------|
|       | Roel                   | 4-5          |
|       | Tree store             | 725          |
|       | Megapode               | 7            |
|       | G. limp pigeon         | 750          |
|       | Olive backed sunbird   | 750          |
|       | Reef heron             | 15-20        |
|       | Whimprel               | 10-15        |
|       | C-Sandpiper            | 10-15        |
|       | Blacknaped oriole      | 5-6          |
|       | Co-collared Kingfisher | 10-12        |
|       | Small Blue A.F.        | 1            |
|       | Blacknaped monarch     | 25           |
|       | Red cheeked parakeet   | 30-40        |
|       | Co.B. sea-eagle        | 2-3          |
|       | Nicobar pigeon         | 15-16        |
|       | Emu dove               | 10-12        |
|       | Cuckoo dove            | 1            |
|       | Shikra                 | 1            |
|       | Grey rumped swiftlet   | 1 (7-8 bins) |
|       | Black naped tern       | 10-12        |
|       | Pompadour pigeon       | 2-3 flocks   |
|       | Grey wagtail           | 8-10         |
|       | Whitethroated swiftlet | present.     |







Island Kondul 6/1/94 - 8/1/94 Count 5 ± 4.m.

| S.No. | Species                 | Notes     |
|-------|-------------------------|-----------|
|       | Little Blue n.f.        | 2         |
|       | white bellied sea-eagle | 2         |
|       | Reef heron              | < 5       |
|       | Common sandpiper        | < 5       |
|       | olive backed sunbird    | 75-100    |
|       | Yellow " "              | 2         |
|       | hill mynah              | 720       |
|       | Blyth nicobar parakeet  | 720       |
|       | Redcheeked parakeet     | ? present |
|       | Blackumped monarch      | < 5       |
|       | Pied imp pigeon         | < 10      |
|       | G. imp. pigeon          | < 10 5    |
|       | Pompadour pigeon        | < 5       |
|       | Blackumped tern         | < 5       |
|       | swallow                 | 1         |
|       | rail sp.                | 1         |
|       | Glossy stare            | 720       |
|       | Stork billed n.f.       |           |

Island Teresa 17/1/94 - 5/2/94

| S.No. | Species                   | Notes       |
|-------|---------------------------|-------------|
|       | Reet heron                | 20-25       |
|       | White collared kingfisher | 15-20       |
|       | White bellied sea-eagle   | 10-15       |
|       | Megapode                  | 20-25       |
|       | Green imperial pigeon     | 750         |
|       | Pied imperial pigeon      | ?           |
|       | Nicobar pigeon            | 725         |
|       | Emerald dove              | 725         |
|       | Cuckoo dove               | 2 at Minyuk |
|       | Pompadour pigeon          | 10-20       |
|       | Olive backed sunbird      | 750         |
|       | whimbrel                  | 15-20       |
|       | Common sandpiper          | 15-20       |
|       | Green heron               | <5          |
|       | Glossy tree shrike        | 725         |
|       | Red cheeked parakeet      | 725         |
|       | Eye Black headed oriole   | 5-10        |
|       | Red whiskered bulbul      | 10-20       |
|       | Nicobar Bulbul            | 10-20       |
|       | White bellied swiftlet    | 720         |
|       | shikra                    | 2-3         |
|       | Blacknaped tern           | 15-20       |
|       | Redshank                  | 25/1        |
|       | Fantail warbler           | <10         |
|       | Blacknaped monarch        | 15-20       |
|       | Turnstone                 | <5          |
|       | Sandplover lesser         | <5          |
|       | Golden plover             | <5          |
|       | little egret              | 1           |

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| S.No. | Species                  | Notes   |
|-------|--------------------------|---------|
|       | Grey wag tail            | 210     |
|       | white breasted water hen | 45      |
|       | Blue tailed Bee-eater    | 5-10    |
|       | koel                     | 5-10    |
|       | Edible nuthatch          | 1       |
|       | swallow                  | 1       |
|       | white eye                | 1 flock |

Island

| S.No. | Species                   | Notes   |
|-------|---------------------------|---|
|       | Hill mynah                | Very common. 2 were seen clearly koel. 5-6 flew out over sea towards little Alcabar. only 3 probably crossed.                               |
|       | Crested serpent eagle.    | A few were seen / heard in most places but under 20-25 records  |
|       | white bellied sea-eagle.  | seen frequently on sea-board. More sightings before Pitobet than after. Then again a few seen towards end of western coast. Many immatures. |
|       | white breasted waterhen.  | Very few seen < 500 sightings.  |
|       | little green heron.       | A few seen. seem to prefer inland water.  |
|       | Reef heron.               | a few seen all along the coast.   |
|       | Minuter                   | coastal not frequently seen. So common. largest congregation was one of about 100 birds at Kabeion. become scarce after Pitobet             |
|       | Plover spp.               |   |
|       | Kentish plover            | ?   |
|       | Red shank                 |   |
|       | Terek Sandpiper           | 10-12 Kabeion   |
|       | Bantailed godwit          | few seen  |
|       | Lobmbuel                  | Common upto Pitobet   |
|       | Crab Plover               | < 15+ Kabeion   |
|       | Golden Plover             | 2-3   |
|       | Median / large egrets     | 20+   |
|       | Black naped tern          | 2 on rock at Kabeion on consecutive days. Before Pitobet saw 2 webby sea-eagle.   |
|       | Owl (Scops or Brown hawk) | heard at night single willoe 'huk' uttered every 4-5 seconds.   |
|       | Yellow bittern            | one on Alexandra.   |
|       | Grey cootail              | few seen throughout.  |

~~Sated~~ <sup>Western</sup> Bath, ~~Western~~ coast, (Sated Bath - N. corner).

Island: Great Nicobar

| S.No. | Species                   | Notes   |
|-------|---------------------------|---|
|       | Redcheeked parakeet       | Was far less common on eastern coast. Definitely saw it at Kopenheat and <del>at</del> <sup>Pilobet</sup> at Pilobet.   |
|       | Nicobar parakeet          | Commonly seen and appeared more common than Red-cheeked.  |
|       | Racket-tailed drongo      | Fairly common though not like at Galathia.  |
|       | White-collared Kingfisher | A few seen; were mostly inside forest. Often not present for long stretches.  |
|       | Stork-billed Kingfisher   | Fairly common. Heard frequently.  |
|       | Black-capped Kingfisher   | Not common - at less than 3-4 seen. Not seen on Alexander's boat trips.   |
|       | C. Blue Kingfisher        | 4-5 seen. Scarce.   |
|       | Blue-eared K.F.           | 1 slightly near Kochin Down   |
|       | Green Pitta.              | Heard 2 or 3 at Pilo <del>at</del> <sup>pakka</sup> , heard 3 at Pilobet; saw one at 'Aiyonb'. <del>At</del> Typical Pitta, was hopping along forest floor slowly. Did not call. The ground was bare and tall trees around, forest was moist. Hopped onto a log and then out of sight. Seemingly unshy or was less than 5 m from me.  |
|       | Nicobar Pigeon.           | Became <del>more</del> fairly common after <del>at</del> <sup>at</sup> Pilobet. Flushed 2 at Pilo <sup>pakka</sup> , later saw 2 walking for fair distance on forest floor - lost sight of them easily. Saw them in flight group of 4-5 birds at Kopenheat where also flushed 6-8 birds from around a <sup>(in)</sup> mound. Were also common at 'Aiyonb' where I flushed early 1/2 a dozen during a walk. At Kochin Down saw a few and 3 which came down to the sea at 5 a.m. and drank sea water one gulp each! |
|       | Green Imperial Pigeon     | Became scarce on western coast (replaced by Pied Imperial Pigeon) were common at Kopenheat where I saw a couple mating. No courtship but 'kissling' afterwards.   |
|       | Pied Imperial Pigeon      | Fairly common on western coast wherever Green Imperial is absent. Seen to have a preference for coconut trees and most villages had a few around. Saw one carrying nesting material at Kochin Down. Nest on top of a tall coconut tree. Nowhere as common as Green Imperial Pigeon.   |
|       | Wood Pigeon.              | Possibly 2 at Kopenheat. Very difficult to make out in the field.   |
|       | Green Pouter Pigeon.      | one flock of 19 birds on bare branches of tall tree on bank of Alexandra.   |
|       | Cuckoo-dove.              | 2 at Kopenheat. 1 on megapode island.   |
|       | Glossy tree shrike.       | Very common; seen almost all along the coast.   |
|       | Yellowbacked sunbird      | A few seen or heard throughout. 1 of lovery and perching on epiphyte on tree. As if nest site location selection.   |
|       | Olive backed sunbird.     | No definite sightings.  |
|       | Black-necked oriole.      | A few seen. - megapode island; Kopenheat.   |
|       | Koel                      | Very common.  |

Island

| S.No. | Species                       | Notes  |
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|       | # C. Blue Kingfisher          | A few on Galathea  |
|       | Blue-eared Kingfisher         | ?  |
|       | Yellow Bittern                | Several immatures seen on Galathea. One adult only   |
|       | Grey wagtail                  | A few seen at several locations.   |
|       | Blyth's Nicobar Parakeet      | Fairly common. One and two seen in a number of places - as usually flying <sup>seen</sup> not easily differentiated from the common Red-chested parakeet |
|       | White-eye                     | ? Glimpse of small passerines very similar to white-eye.   |
|       | Emerald dove                  | One sighted  |
|       | Green pompadour pigeon        | One dead one in Galathea   |
|       | Cuckoo-dove                   | 2 + 1 near '41'  |
|       | Small cuckoo                  | 1 + 1 near '41'. One kept flying ahead of us for at least 100 mts.   |
|       | Little stint                  | seen. A few seen   |
|       | Red shank                     | A few seen   |
|       | Whimbrel                      | Very common on Galathea  |
|       | Pantailed godwit              | A few seen on sea face   |
|       | <del>Lesser</del> sand plover | A few seen   |
|       | Yellowbacked sunbird          | A few seen at '41'; one male in breeding plumage shiny.  |
|       | Blacknaped oriole             | Seen a couple of times once a group of about 5-6 birds.  |
|       | Small cuckoo                  | 2 birds seen at just after bridge at Galathea. One <sup>kept</sup> flying ahead of us for $\approx$ 100 mts  |
|       | Cuckoo-dove                   | 2 + 1 sighted just after bridge at Galathea. In mid-canopy on stout branch.  |

(\*) Waders are few and not ~~very~~ common.



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Survey of Little Noddy  
For Megascops, Micobonensis abotti

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Refer attached map (Number = locations surveyed, H = night halt only)

① Piulan & Mahachua

Distance surveyed = 2 km.

No. of active mounds = 9

② Ilai & School Point

Distance surveyed 1.6 km

No. active mounds 9

③ Olenchi & Kenhin

Distance surveyed = 900m

No. active mounds = 6

④ Reinje

Distance surveyed = 1.1 km

No. active mounds = 2

⑤ Pilo Utun

Distance surveyed = 1.75 km

No. active mound = 7

⑥ Tavaite, Rahoia & Tahiyerol

Distance surveyed = 1.05 km.

No. active mounds = 9

⑦ Binal & Mangateray

Distance surveyed = 2.6 km

No active mounds = 7

⑧ Bombay

Distance surveyed = 1.2 km

No. active mounds = 3

Pillow Millow Island

Circumference of Island less than 3 km.

No active mounds seen

3 inactive mounds were seen. (2 ~~Gravel~~ very old and one fairly recent  
seen megalopae scratch marks were seen near the lighthouse  
and locals have occasionally heard birds there.

A very small population continues to exist on pillow mounds

Bird list

Little Nicobar

- 1) Little Green Heron
- 2) Pond Heron
- 3) Cattle egret
- 4) Eastern reef heron
- 5) Shikra sp.
- 6) White Bellied sea-eagle
- 7) Great Nicobar serpent-eagle
- 8) Megapode (No. 6 in list)
- 9) Lesser sand plover
- 10) Whimbrel
- 11) Red shank
- 12) Common sandpiper
- 13) Eastern Black-naped tern
- 14) Pompadour pigeon
- 15) Green-imprial Pigeon
- 16) Cuckoo-dove
- 17) Emerald dove
- 18) Blyth's Nicobar Parakeet
- 19) Red-cheeked Parakeet
- 20) Indian Cuckoo
- 21) Andaman koel
- 22) Small blue kingfisher
- 23) Stork-billed kingfisher
- 24) Black-capped kingfisher
- 25) Nicobar Green-breasted Pitta
- 26) Black-naped Oriole
- 27) Racket-tailed drongo
- 28) Glossy tree shrike
- 29) Hill mynah
- 30) Black-naped monarch
- 31) Grey waytail
- 32) Forest waytail

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- 33) Olive backed sunbird
- 34) Yellow backed sunbird
- 35) White bellied scittlet.

Turtles.

- ① 48 turtles nests in the beach after Klong village. Beach known as Radjeia.
- ② In the beach called Raha (No. 6 in map) about 30 nests.

Miscellaneous.

- ① Hunting of megapode  
 Hunting pressures are very high on little Nicobar.  
 Many traps were present between Pindan & Mahachua - these have been placed either by PWD labour, Thais, and I was given to believe that some Nicobaris are also placing traps (This must be the exception though).  
 Nicobaris from Pillow Millow also shoot extensively in the above area. 4 were shot and brought to village <sup>while I was there.</sup>  
 A Tahiyuol village 71 megapode legs (shot during a period of 4-5 days during the full moon) were hung like a garland in front of the hut.  
 Egg collection was also high and almost every village was involved in egg collection. A hut in Pilo Patia burnt down while megapode eggs were being cooked. 3 eggs were collected from Mahachua by a Pillow Millow villager 2 of which were eaten, the third I saw.