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Selection Intensity among the Nicobarese of Car-Nicobar Island**Gopal Krishan, K.R. Rao and S.Y. Saheb***Anthropology Survey of India, C G O Complex, Seminary Hills, Nagpur 440 006, Maharashtra, India***KEYWORDS** Per-agricultural Community. Mortality. Fertility. Live Birth

ABSTRACT The Nicobarese are one of the six tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Nicobarese under study are the inhabitant of Car-Nicobar Island and are horticulturalist. However, they may be considered as per-agricultural community. In the present study an effort has been made to report the selection intensity index among the 151 Nicobarese women aged 45 years and above. The average number of live birth is noticed to be 5.26 with variance 8.11. The mortality component I_m is 0.2195 and the fertility component is I_f is 0.2931. The index of opportunity for selection I is found to be 0.5731. The comparison of the index of selection intensity with other tribal populations revealed that the Nicobarese are closer to the Muria 0.55, Toto 0.55 and Naika (Rural) 0.58.