

## 9. Ethnic Groups/ Tribes in News-International

### 1. WAORARI

**Distribution:** Ecuador

**Description:**

- Recently they won case against the government with regard to oil extraction in their areas against their wishes.
- Hunting gathering tribe have recently shifted to settled agriculture.
- In traditional animist Waodani worldview, there is no distinction between the physical and spiritual worlds, and spirits are present throughout the world. The Waodani once believed that the entire world was a forest
- Their main hunting weapon is the blowgun. These weapons are typically from 3 to 4 metres long. The arrows used are dipped in curare poison, which paralyzes the muscles of the animal.
- In 1990, the Waorani won the rights to the **Waorani Ethnic Reserve** 6,125.60 km<sup>2</sup> (2,365.11 sq mi). The protected status of **Yasuni National Park**, which overlaps with the Waorani reserve, provides some measure of environmental protection.

### 2. HAZARAS

**Distribution:** Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran

**Description:**

- The Hazara identity in Afghanistan is believed by many to have originated in the aftermath of the **1221 Siege of Bamyan**. The first mention of Hazara are made by Babur in the early 16th century.
- The Hazara, outside of Hazarajat, have adopted the cultures of the cities where they dwell, resembling customs and traditions of the Afghan Tajiks and Pashtuns.
- They are being subjected to genocide in Afghanistan due to their minority status.

### 3. MAORIS

**Distribution:** Newzealand, Australia and UK

**Description:**

- The Māori originated from settlers who migrated to New Zealand from eastern Polynesia.