

Basic Detail Report

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Title

Sampan from Lamalera

Date

1995

Primary Maker

Bapa Ignatius Sera Blikololo

Medium

Wood, cloth, metal, bamboo

Dimensions

Overall: 570 × 550 × 200 mm, 0.35 kg

Name

Model

History

The coastal village of Lamalera, Lembata is situated in Eastern Indonesia. The community are a traditional whale hunting society as the island offers little soil for crop cultivation. Fishing vessels were integral to local commerce and livelihood. The sampan was a small vessel fitted with two extended booms and two paddles. It had four separate forked supports and a bipod mast. The hand crafted model features a wooden hull with two bamboo poles resting on a fork. This model was completed in 1995, and made from timber from the island of Lembata, and fitted out with lines and rigging some of which are handmade from local plant materials. The hull is carved from a solid piece.