

Basic Detail Report



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Title
Handmade goggles

Date
before 1988

Medium
Wood, string, wire, nylon, rubber

Dimensions
Overall: 38 x 475 x 35 mm, 0.05 kg

Name
Goggles

History
It is likely that these goggles and the additional equipment confiscated from the CAHAYA INDAH are from the Buginese people of the South Sulawesi region. Although not confirmed by the Fisheries Department of Western Australia, there are a number of indications that the material did not come from Rote Island where originally thought. Rote Island is the last island in Indonesia that Indonesian fishing vessels anchor at on their journey to Australia. Vessels are often mistakenly reported as coming from there while actually they started their journey elsewhere. Also Rote Island does not use that type of motorised vessel. 'Cahaya' is a Buginese name and 'Indah' means 'beautiful'. The carving on the goggles is typically Buginese. It is therefore assumed that the boat, and crew were mainly Buginese.