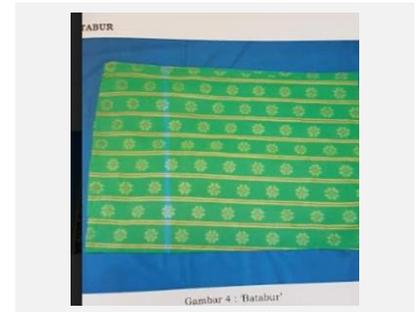


Name Tenunan Iranun Kota Belud
(Kota Belud Iranun
Weaving)
Country Malaysia

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Main characteristics/features

Geographical area

The Kota Belud district is renowned for its Iranun woven products. They are usually produced by the women of the Iranun community who have learnt the art of weaving, which is passed down from generation to generation. Iranun women weave using a traditional implement called an *ulen*. They produce various woven materials such as *Tubau*, *Munsala A Simbitan* and *Tubau A Simbitan*, *Mugah Maraboro Matabur*, *Mandari Sipak*, *Pajuntai*, *Jali-Jali*, *Mandala Karuk* and *Ampik*. These materials are used to make traditional clothes of the Iranun community.

The Kota Belud district in Sabah is renowned for its woven products. Two villages particularly well-known for Iranun woven items are Kampung Rampayan Laut and Kampung Merabau.

Production/processing

Link between product and territory

Before weaving starts, it is necessary for the weaver to spin the yarn that will be the base colour of the fabric using a tool called a *soodan*. The desired base colour may be either a single colour or a colour combination, such as black and red, or stripes of black and red, which convey certain meanings. This is followed by a process called *taledtag*, whereby the yarn is removed from the *soodan* and attached to a *saulya* and *taruan* to be stretched to form threads. After this comes the process of *panungit*, which is arranging and separating the threads and then compressing them using a *barira*. The final process consists of weaving the pattern and motif by taking into account the position of the weft threads that are inserted between the basic warp threads.

The Iranun community of Kota Belud are renowned for their traditional woven products, which have attracted much attention and are in high demand due to their fine workmanship and beautiful design. They are popular as gifts or as part of personal collections and the cost of these items may come into thousands of ringgit. Their skill in weaving has been passed down from generation to generation since early times.

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