

**Name** Parang Berukir Kota Belud  
(Kota Belud Engraved  
Bush Knife)

**Country** Malaysia

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#### Main characteristics/features

The Kota Belud Engraved Bush Knife is an item that signifies the geographical location and culture of the Bajau community, who have lived in Kota Belud since time immemorial. There are 7 varieties of the bush knife including *Pidah*, *Lading*, *Beladau*, *Keluan Gayang*, *Guk* and *Badih*. Their uniqueness lies in the motifs that are engraved on the handle, blade and sheath of these bush knives. The selection of a suitable iron ore mixture and wood accounts for the high quality of the bush knife reflecting the craftsmanship of the Bajau community in general.

#### Geographical area

The centre of making these bush knives is in the area around Mukim Siasai, Kota Belud, Sabah, in places such as Kampung Siasai Jaya, Kampung Siasai Dundau, Kampung Siasai Kumpang and Siasai Tamu.

#### Production/processing

There are two parts in the process of making an engraved bush knife: making the blade and making the handle and sheath. The process of making the blade begins with blending the iron ore, cutting it according to required size and then forging it, which is known as *nompo*. This is followed by sharpening the bush knife, smoothening the cutting edge, engraving, gilding or plating, and finally attaching the handle to the blade. The process of making the sheath begins with selecting the required wood. A hole is formed that fits the size of the bush knife and then it is smoothened, engraved and glossed with paint or varnish.

#### Link between product and territory

The Bajau community of Kota Belud are well-known for their bush knives and their skill in making them, which they have inherited from their forefathers. The making and art of engraving bush knives are very much influenced by the culture of the Bajau community in Kota Belud.

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