

**Name** Rinago Kudat  
(Kudat Rinago  
Handicraft)

**Country** Malaysia

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Source: LKN Sabah

#### Main characteristics/features

Rinago handicraft is produced by the Rungus community of Sabah. It is used as containers for storing betel nut, betel leaves and quicklime. Rinago is also used as containers for storing the traditional dress of the Rungus. These products consist of items such as *Gadul*, *Tinompok*, *Binokirat*, *Gadul Kitangkai* and *Kampil*. Rinago products are not coloured in order to preserve their originality, as they are of quality and reflect the maker's expertise, adherence to the Linkong formation, as well basic materials used.

#### Geographical area

Rinago Kudat handicraft is made in several villages around the district of Kudat such as Matunggong, Kampung Inukiran, Kampung Mompilis, Kampung Brangkason, Kampung Rugading, Kampung Pinwatai and Kampung Lajong.

#### Production/processing

The first part of the process to prepare Linkong is to obtain the stalks and roots of the Old World climbing fern (*Ribu-ribu*). The leaves and stalks are split with a knife according to required size. In the case of a mature stalk, the split will be made from the end to its base, whereas if the stalks are young, the split is made from the base to the end. The pith is then removed and they are dried in a shady area. When dry, they are pared with a knife, following which the process of weaving is carried out.

#### Link between product and territory

This tradition is maintained by Rungus women. The majority of Rungus makers of handicraft begin as early as the age of 10. Rinago products are used by various levels of Rungus society. Nowadays, Rinago handicraft is also bought as souvenirs by visitors to Matunggong or Kudat.

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