**Phanat Nikhom Basketry**

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**Main characteristics/features**

Phanat Nikhom basketry is bamboo basketry originating from a combination of ideas by the Laotian, Thai, and Chinese settlers living in Phanat Nikhom. There are two types of bamboo basketry: the traditional form is hexagonal, rectangular or flat cone shaped, and the more modern form is triangular, oval or round shaped.

**Production/processing**

Raw materials are gathered from the Phanat Nikhom District. White bamboo, such as Chonburi, Rayong, Chanthaburi and Trad, is used for its high quality and resistance to humidity. White bamboo is harvested at the age of 2-3 years old.

For the preparation of the bands: select only white bamboo that is 2-3 years old, with a length of 80-150 centimetres. Cut the bamboo at its joints, scratch the surface and boil for about two hours. Then, divide the bamboo strips, scrape and clean the bands. The strips may be dyed with a natural or artificial dye. They are then dried in the sun.

Then comes the moment of weaving. Weaving patterns with a ball of wood is the only technique used by the people of Phanat Nikhom.

Labels on the products should include the words ‘Phanat Nikhom Basketry’.

**Geographical area**

The Phanat Nikhom basketry production area is located in Chonburi Province, eastern Thailand.

**Link between product and territory**

Phanat Nikhom is an ancient city, which was prosperous until about 1 000 years ago. It is a town rich in bamboo. Phra Bat Somdet Phra Nangkiao Chao Yu Hua, Rama III, named the town Phanat Nikhom, which means ‘big town in the forest’. At that time, Phra Inta Asa, a Laos leader, set up a community familiar with basketry products made from bamboo. The locals made a variety of creative basketry products. In addition, there were Thai and Chinese communities living together. All three communities made basketry products to use in daily life. These skills became part of their local cultural heritage.

In 1978, Somdet Phra Nang Chao Sirikit Phra Borommarachininat saw the importance of bamboo basketry in Phanat Nikhom, and initiated a development programme for bamboo basketry.

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