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Guide to *Precarious Balance*, circa 1988

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Human Studies Film Archives
Title:	<i>Precarious Balance</i>
Date:	circa 1988
Identifier:	HSFA.2004.19
Creator:	Smithsonian Institution. Office of Telecommunications Williams, Scott
Extent:	1 Videocassette (10 minutes; color sound; 3/4 inch)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Video: Precarious Balance, circa 1988, 2004.19.001, clip 1 Video: Precarious Balance, circa 1988, 2004.19.001, clip 2

Administrative Information

Related Materials

The Human Studies Film Archives holds the Scott Williams collection.

Preferred Citation

Precarious Balance, Human Studies Film Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The collection is open for research. Please contact the archives for information on availability of access copies of audiovisual recordings. Original audiovisual material in the Human Studies Film Archives may not be played.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Scope and Contents

Edited video created by the Smithsonian Institution Office of Telecommunications from film footage shot by Scott Williams in collaboration with the Smithsonian's National Human Studies Film Center for a National Museum of Natural History exhibit on Micronesia, ca. 1988. Video shows the relationship of Micronesians to the sea (boys playing with toy boats, practicing spearing fish, various forms of fishing, launching a new boat). Film was shot on the atoll of Yap in the Western Caroline Islands.

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Local Number

HSFA 2004.19.1

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Boats and boating
- Fishing
- Outrigger canoes

Types of Materials:

- Video recordings

Places:

- Caroline Islands
- Micronesia
- Oceania