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## Guide to the Papers of H. Arlo Nimmo

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	H. Arlo Nimmo papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.2009-17
<b>Date:</b>	1965-1967 1963
<b>Extent:</b>	5 Linear feet (6 document boxes, 5 card file boxes, 1 binder box, 1 flip-top box plus 16 sound reels; and 12 maps (6 of which are duplicates))
<b>Creator:</b>	Nimmo, Harry
<b>Language:</b>	Collection is in English, Sama, and Tausug.
<b>Summary:</b>	The papers of H. Arlo Nimmo document his field research among the Bajau (also known as Sama Dilaut) in Tawi-Tawi Province in the southern Philippines in 1963, 1965-1967, 1977, 1982, and 1997. The collection consists of correspondence, field journals, censuses, genealogies, kinship charts, transcripts of songs, unpublished manuscripts, card files, photographs, sound recordings, and maps. Nimmo's initial research focused on social change, but he collected data about other aspects of Bajau culture, including social organization, kinship, religion, fishing, boats, boat-building, art, and music.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

These papers were donated to the National Anthropological Archives by H. Arlo Nimmo.

### Separated Materials

8 mm color film (and DVD copy) of Tungkalong shot by Nimmo in 1963 was transferred to the Human Studies Film Archives.

### Related Materials

An 8 mm color film (and DVD reference copy) of Tungkalang shot by H. Arlo Nimmo in 1963 was transferred to the Human Studies Film Archives. See [HSFA 2011.2.1](#).

### Processing Information

The collection arrived at the National Anthropological Archives through multiple deposits. All accretions were described and organized by H. Arlo Nimmo before they were transferred to the National Anthropological Archives. For the most part, his original organization has been retained. A few folders filed under "miscellaneous" were moved and filed with other related materials. Nimmo's folder titles have also been retained and his descriptions have been incorporated into this finding aid. Series 5: Photographs were processed separately.

Photographs processed by Gina Rappaport in 2015.

## Preferred Citation

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## Restrictions

According to the wishes of H. Arlo Nimmo, his correspondence and field notes are restricted until his death.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical Note

Harry Arlo Nimmo is a Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at California State University East Bay at Hayward. He earned his Ph.D. in anthropology from University of Hawaii in 1969. As a graduate student, he conducted six months of field research among the Bajau (also known as Sama Dilaut) of Tawi-Tawi, Philippines in 1963 and another eighteen months in 1965-67. He returned to conduct more field research in Tawi-Tawi in 1977, 1982, and 1997. As a result of civil strife, massive immigration, and economic changes following his field research in the 1960s, the Bajau culture (as studied and documented by Nimmo) no longer exists in Tawi-Tawi. In addition to his master's thesis, *Social Organization of the Tawi-Tawi Badjaw* (1965), and his dissertation, *The Structure of Bajau Society* (1969), Nimmo has published extensively on his Bajau research.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers of H. Arlo Nimmo document his field research among the Bajau (also known as Sama Dilaut) in Tawi-Tawi Province in the southern Philippines in 1963, 1965-1967, 1977, 1982, and 1997. The collection consists of correspondence, field journals, censuses, genealogies, kinship charts, transcripts of songs, unpublished manuscripts, card files, photographs, sound recordings, and maps. Nimmo's initial research focused on social change, but he collected data about other aspects of Bajau culture, including social organization, kinship, religion, fishing, boats, boat-building, art, and music.

Also in the collection are recordings of his 2001 interviews with Gerard Rixhon, an Oblates of Mary Immaculate priest, stationed in Tawi-Tawi and Jolo from 1953 to 1974. In addition, the collection contains materials regarding the Bajau from Don Hart and Rony Bautista.

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## Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 6 series: (1) Correspondence; (2) Research Data; (3) Unpublished Manuscripts; (4) Maps; (5) Photographs; (6) Sound Recordings.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Bajau (Southeast Asian people)
- Ethnology -- Philippines
- Filipinos
- Fishing
- Kinship
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Music
- Rites and ceremonies
- Sama languages
- Tausug (Philippine people)

### Cultures:

- Bajau (Southeast Asian people)
- Filipinos
- Tausug (Philippine people)

### Types of Materials:

- Chants
- Correspondence
- Maps
- Slides (photographs)
- Songs
- Sound recordings
- Stories

### Geographic Names:

- Tawitawi (Philippines)

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Correspondence, 1997-1998, 1980-1982, 1963-1967, 1975

English.

This series contains Nimmo's personal and professional correspondence with colleagues and friends. Ethnographic data is discussed in some of the correspondence.

This series is restricted.

Box 1                      Letters -- Professional, 1997-1998, 1980-1982, 1975, 1964-1967  
Mostly correspondence with Clifford Sather.

Box 1                      Personal Letters from Tawi-Tawi , 1963-1967  
Letters written to friends while in the field. Most were written while he was in  
Tawi-Tawi. Some were written from Japan and Hawaii.  
  
Some are photocopies and some are typed copies originals

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## Series 2: Research Data, 1964-1966, 1963, 1997, 1982, 1977

English.

Research data Nimmo collected while conducting fieldwork among the Bajau in Tawi-Tawi. This series contains his field notes, census information gathered from Bajau communities, genealogies of his informants, questionnaires on different subjects, and translated songs and chants. Subseries: Miscellaneous contains notes on the Sinama language, kinship terms, school enrollment in Tungkalang, and information on diseases and treatments.

### 2.1: Field Notes

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Box 1	Tawi-Tawi Journal, Part 1, 1963
Box 1	Tawi-Tawi Journal, Part 2, 1963
Box 1	Tawi-Tawi Journal, 1965-1966
Box 2	Musings - 1965 & Sitangkai Journal 1966, 1965 - 1966
Box 2	Sitangkai Journal, 1966-1967
Box 2	Tawi-Tawi Journal, 1977
Box 2	Tawi-Tawi & Sitangkai Journal, 1982
Box 2	Tawi-Tawi Journal, 1997
Box 3	Tawi-Tawi Bajau, 1963 4" x 6" typed cards of field journal notes filed under categories from Outline of Cultural Materials by George Murdock et al.
Box 4	Tawi-Tawi Bajau, 1963, 1965-1966 4" x 6" typed cards of notes from field journals filed under categories from Outline of Cultural Materials by George Murdock et al.
Box 4	Tawi-Tawi Bajau, 1965-1966 4" x 6" typed cards of notes from field journals filed under categories from Outline of Cultural Materials by George Murdock et al.
Box 5	Tawi-Tawi Bajau, 1965-1966 4" x 6" typed cards of notes from field journals filed under categories from Outline of Cultural Materials by George Murdock et al.
Box 6	Sitangkai Bajau, 1966-1967



4" x 6" typed cards of notes from field journals filed under categories from Outline of Cultural Materials by George Murdock et al.

Box 7 Murdock  
Annotated copy of George Murdock's Outline of Cultural Materials

## 2.2: Censuses

Box 7 Tawi-Tawi Censuses

Box 7 Tungkalang 1963 Census, 1963

Box 7 Tungkalang 1965 Census, 1965

Box 7 Luuk Tulai 1966 Census, 1966

Box 7 Tunbangkao 1966 Census, 1966

Box 7 Lioboran 1966 Census, 1966

Box 7 Lamiun 1966 Census

Box 7 Sitangkai Census [1 of 8], 1966

Box 7 Sitangkai Census [2 of 8], 1966

Box 7 Sitangkai Census [3 of 8], 1966

Box 8 Sitangkai Census [4 of 8], 1966

Box 8 Sitangkai Census [5 of 8], 1966

Box 8 Sitangkai Census [6 of 8], 1966

Box 8 Sitangkai Census [7 of 8], 1966

Box 8 Sitangkai Census [8 of 8], 1966

## 2.3: Genealogies

Box 9 Tunbangkao Genealogies

Box 9 Bandulan Genealogies

Box 9	Lioboran Genealogies
Box 9	Luuk Tulai Genealogies
Box 9	Tungkalang Genealogies
Box 9	Masarani's Genealogy
Box 9	Inguan's Genealogy

#### 2.4: Questionnaires

Box 9	General
Box 9	Agriculture
Box 9	Family
Box 9	Travel
Box 9	Marriage
Box 9	Community
Box 9	Religion

#### 2.5: Songs

Box 9	Binua <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 9	Lia Lia <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 9	Tenes Tenes <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 9	Kalangan Kalitan <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 9	Kalangan Kamun <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 9	Kalangan Baliu

[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 9                      Miscellaneous Songs  
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 9                      Original Drafts of Song Translation  
[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 9                      Kata Kata Chants  
[Image\(s\)](#)

## 2.6: Miscellaneous

Box 9                      Kinship Charts

Box 9                      Sinama language notes  
Small address book containing English to Sinama translations.  
  
Folder title assigned by archivist.

Box 9                      Tungalang School Enrollment  
Lists of school attendance.

Box 9                      Tawi-tawi diseases and treatments  
Information provided to Nimmo by Medical Mission Sisters.

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## Series 3: Unpublished Manuscripts

English.

Consists of unpublished manuscripts by Nimmo. Includes short stories and a mystery novel set in Tawi-Tawi.

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| Box 10 | Folk Beliefs and Legends of Southern Sulu, Philippines                                           |
| Box 10 | Sitangkai Bajau Religion: The Islamization of a Philippine People                                |
| Box 10 | Life Cycle of the Sitangkai Bajau                                                                |
| Box 10 | Bajau Children                                                                                   |
| Box 10 | A Death and Funeral                                                                              |
| Box 10 | <i>Pahi</i> Fishing                                                                              |
| Box 10 | Miscellaneous Thoughts and Jottings                                                              |
| Box 10 | “Sophie's Visit”<br>Short story.                                                                 |
| Box 10 | “Almost Everyone in Manila Speaks English”<br>Short story.                                       |
| Box 10 | “A Very Old Hawaiian Man”<br>Short story.                                                        |
| Box 10 | “A Decision in Singapore”<br>Short story.                                                        |
| Box 10 | <i>Our Father Who Art Dead</i><br>Mystery novel.                                                 |
| Box 10 | <i>Nomads of the Sulu Sea</i><br>Monograph of Tawi Tawi Bajau based on Nimmo's first field trip. |

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## Series 4: Maps

This series consists mostly of hand-drawn maps of Bajau communities in Tawi-Tawi. There are also some printed maps of Sulu and Jolo that have been annotated by Nimmo.

Box 10	Sulu Maps
Box 10	Lamiun, 1966 March Map plus chart of kin structure of Lamiun
Map-folder 1	Tungkalang, 1965 November
Map-folder 1	Lu'uk Tulai, 1966 May
Map-folder 1	Lioboran, 1966 February
Map-folder 1	Tungbangkao, 1966 February
Map-folder 2	Sitangkai Sulu, 1966 August
Map-folder 2	Jolo and Tapul Islands Map

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## Series 5: Photographs, 1965-1967

This series contains prints (and their negatives) and slides from Nimmo's fieldwork.

Nimmo's organization of the photographs has been maintained.

Processed by Gina Rappaport.

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| Box 11 | <p>5.1: Slides</p> <p>Nimmo explains:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">These slides are from my anthropological field research among the Sama Dilaut (AKA Bajau) in Tawi Tawi Province, Philippines, from September 1965 through April 1967. I have identified them by subject, place and/or activity. My publications, especially <i>The Sea People of Sulu</i> (1972) and <i>Magosaha: An Ethnography of the Tawi Tawi Sama Dilaut</i> (2001), provide context for the photos.</p> |
| Box 11 | <p>1-Seascapes</p> <p><i>20 Items (items numbered 1.1-1.20)</i></p> <p>Ocean views at Lu'uk Tulai, Bilatan, Bongao, Sangasiapu, La'a, Tungkalang, Zamboanga, and Tawi Tawi. Also includes an image of Tarabasa Idji and Harry Nimmo on Mount Bongao</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Box 11 | <p>2-Seascapes</p> <p><i>14 Items (Items numbered 2.1-2.14)</i></p> <p>Ocean views at Sanga Sanga, Sangasiapu, Bilatan, Bongao, and Tawi Tawi. Also includes image of WWII shipwreck</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Box 11 | <p>3-Sitangkai</p> <p><i>20 Items (Items numbered 3.1-3.20)</i></p> <p>General views of Sitangkai wharf, main canal, houses, seaweed collection, and aerial views</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Box 11 | <p>4-Sitangkai</p> <p><i>18 Items (Items numbered 4.1-4.18)</i></p> <p>General views of Sitangkai neighborhoods, main canal, raised walkway to channel, and people on way to mosque</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Box 11 | <p>5-Bongao</p> <p><i>15 Items (Items numbered 5.1-5.15)</i></p> <p>General views of Bongao island, wharf, market, and plaza</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Box 11 | <p>6-Tawi Tawi Bajau communities</p> <p><i>20 Items (Items numbered 6.1-6.20)</i></p> <p>Views of Tungbangkao, Tungkalang, Lamiun, Lu'uk Tulai, and Sanga Sanga air strip showing people, boats, houses, and general area</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Box 11 | <p>7-Tawi Tawi Bajau communities</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

*20 Items (Items numbered 7.1-7.20)*

Views of Tungbangkao, Tungalang, and Lioboran showing people, boats, houses, and general area

## 8-Tawi Tawi Bajau communities

*19 Items (Items numbers 8.1-8.19)*

Views of Tungbangkao, Tungalang, Bongao, Lu'uk Tulai, and Sibutu showing people, boats, houses, and general area. Includes images of people preparing cassava, preparing pandan leaves for mat-making, a child's playhouse, and crowd greeting ship's arrival

Box 11

## 9-Tawi Tawi Bajau boats

*20 Items (Items numbered 9.1-9.20)*

Views of boats under construction and in use

Box 11

## 10-Tawi Tawi Bajau sails

*8 Items (Items numbered 10.1-10.8)*

Sailboats at Tungalang, Bilatan, and Bongao

Box 11

## 11-Tawi Tawi Bajau fishing

*20 Items (Items numbered 11.1-11.20)*

People fishing from boats with nets and with *tua* (poisonous root)

Box 11

## 12-Tawi Tawi Bajau fishing

*9 Items (Items numbered 12.1-12.9)*

People repairing fishnets at Sitangkai, drying fishnets, shark fishermen at Tungalang, a shark rattle, and children on beach with porpoises

Box 11

## 13-Tawi Tawi Bajau ceremonies

*20 Items (Items numbered 13.1-13.20)*

Musicians and dancers at wedding celebrations and wedding boats

Box 11

## 14- Tawi Tawi Bajau ceremonies

*20 Items (Items numbered 14.1-14.20)*

Wedding boats, groom preparing for wedding, bride and groom procession, wedding gifts, dance, and double wedding

Box 11

## 15- Tawi Tawi Bajau ceremonies

*15 Items (Items numbered 15.1-15.15)*

Wedding dances at Sitangkai, infant's funeral, preparation for *Magislam* (superincision), Magtamat ceremony (Quran graduation ceremony), *Tempat* (spirit's residence) at Tungbangkao

Box 11

## 16- Sitangkai Bajau shamans

*20 Items (Items numbered 16.1-16.20)*

Box 11

## 17- Sitangkai Bajau shamans

- 20 Items (Items numbered 17.1-17.20)*  
Shamans at dance held every three months at full moon in Sitangkai,  
Shamans at Sikulan ceremony
- Box 11                    18- Sitangkai Bajau cemetery  
*20 Items (Items numbered 18.1-18.20)*  
Sitangkai cemetery showing male, female, and family grave markers
- Box 11                    19- Sitangkai Bajau cemetery  
*7 Items (Sitangkai cemetery showing various grave markers)*  
Sitangkai cemetery showing various grave markers
- Box 11                    20- Tawi Tawi Bajau cemetery  
*14 Items (Items numbered 20.1-20.14)*  
Tawi Tawi cemetery showing male, female, Shaman, and family grave  
markers
- Box 11-13                5.2: Prints and negatives  
Prints are in boxes 11-12. Negatives are in box 13.
- Seascapes, moorages, and villages  
*48 Items (Items numbered 1-48)*  
Views around Lioboran, Sitangkai, Tungkalang, Lu'uk Tukai, and  
Tungbangkao showing natural features as well as moorages, boats, houses  
and other structures, and people. Includes image of Tarabasi Idji, Nimmo's  
assistant.
- Houses, construction  
*30 Items (Items numbered 49-78)*  
Houses, boats, and people in Lioboran, Sitangkai, Tungkalang, Lu'uk Tukai,  
and Tungbangkao, and construction of houses
- Women  
*36 Items (Items numbered 79-114)*  
Women of Lioboran, Sitangkai, Tungkalang, Lu'uk Tukai, and Tungbangkao
- Men  
*41 Items (Items numbered 115-155)*  
Men of Lioboran, Sitangkai, Tungkalang, Lu'uk Tukai, and Tungbangkao
- Children  
*42 Items (Items numbered 156-197)*  
Children of Lioboran, Sitangkai, Tungkalang, Lu'uk Tukai, and Tungbangkao
- Boat building



*43 Items (Items numbered 198-240)*

Construction of different kinds of boats at Lioboran, Sitangkai, Tungkalang, Lu'uk Tukai, and Tunbangkao, including Lepa, Boggo', Junkun, Balutu, and Djenging, as well as boat-making tools. Also images of boat decoration

Boat art and other boats

*75 Items (Items numbered 241-315)*

Carved boat decorations including intricate prow designs and images of various other small crafts at Lioboran, Sitangkai, Tungkalang, Lu'uk Tukai, and Tunbangkao

Sails

*7 Items (Items numbered 316-322)*

Small boats with sails at Tungkalang and Tunbangkao

Fishing

*43 Items (Items numbered 323-365)*

Men and women aneba, anoha, sinsoro, pana, amissi, kamun, and shark fishing at Lioboran, Sitangkai, Tungkalang, Lu'uk Tukai, and Tunbangkao, fishing gear including sinsoro and salibut nets, shark hook and rattle, pahi and salubang spears, and swimming goggles

Material culture

*7 Items (Items numbered 366-372)*

Broom, betel box, palai pounder, bolo knife, and water jug

Ceremonies

*110 Items (Items numbered 373-482)*

People conducting and participating in ceremonies including weddings, funerals, and circumcisions at Lioboran, Sitangkai, Tungkalang, Lu'uk Tukai, and Tunbangkao

Musical instruments

*3 Items (Items numbered 483-485)*

Instruments including gabbang

Mat making

*7 Items (Items numbered 486-492)*

Women gathering pandan leaves, stripping and drying pandan, and weaving mats

Graves, cemeteries

*63 Items (Items numbered 493-555)*

Graves and cemeteries at Bunabuna'an and Sitangkai showing family graves, male and female grave markers, and Djjin (shaman) graves

Sitangkai

*68 Items (Items numbered 493-555)*

Views of Sitangkai, including main canal, houses and other buildings, marketplace, boats and moorages, and people

Miscellaneous photo enlargements

*Enlarged copies of various images in collection*

Enlarged copies of various images in collection

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## Series 6: Sound Recordings, 1965-1967

16 *Sound tape reels (5 in.)*

3 *Sound cassettes*

Multiple languages.

The reel to reel recordings are of songs, chants, stories, and music recorded by Nimmo in the western Tawi-Tawi Islands and the community of Sitangkai among the Bajau people from September 1965 through April 1967. Most of the recordings are songs of the boat-dwelling Bajau, but there are also samples of the music of the shore-dwelling Sama and Tausug, some of which were recorded by his research assistant Tarabasa Idji in his home village of Karundung, Sanga-Sanga, Tawi-Tawi.

The recordings were made on a flashlight battery-powered, reel-to-reel Sony tape recorder. Due to the limited number of tapes in his possession, Nimmo sometimes taped over existing recordings after they were translated. Numbers for each reel were assigned by Nimmo.

Also in this series are recorded interviews with Gerry Rixhon, a former priest of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI). Rixhon was stationed in Tawi-Tawi and Jolo from 1953-1974. He left the order in 1976. According to Nimmo, "the interviews are about the history of the Oblates order in the Sulu Islands, especially the Tawi-Tawi Islands and their establishment of the Notre Dame school system. Rixhon also relates many of his observations and personal experiences with local people when he lived in the islands".

Information about the contents of the reels and cassettes was taken from Nimmo's own Index to the recordings.

Box 10                      Index to contents of sound recordings

Box 14                      Compilation tape of songs recorded at Tungalang, Sanga-Sanga and  
Tunbangkao, Bilatan, Tawi-Tawi, 1965-1966  
1 *Sound tape reel (5 in.)*

[Audio: Nimmo SR 01](#)

- 1) Gabbang -- Norisia
- 2) Tenes Tabauwan -- Norisia
- 3) Kalangan Kalitan (shark song) -- Lisawani
- 4) Kalangan Kalitan (shark song) -- Bunabunaan
- 5) Kalangan Kalitan (shark song) -- Daisalani
- 6) Binua (lullaby) -- Mijainiha
- 7) Logo -- Tungkangan
- 8) Tenes-Tenes -- Norisia
- 9) Tenes-Tenes -- Kolo
- 10) Tenes-Tenes -- Landingsani
- 11) Tenes-Tenes -- Norisia
- 12) Kalangan Kalitan (shark song) -- Madasani
- 13) Kalangan Kamun (kamun song) -- Madasani
- 14) Kalangan Kalitan (shark song) -- Madasani
- 15) Kalangan Baliu (wind song) -- Madasani
- 16) Tausug song -- Madasani
- 17) Kalangan Kalitan (shark song) -- Bunabunaan
- 18) Binua (lullaby)
- 19) Kalangan Baliu (wind song) -- Tungkangan
- 20) Kalangan Kamun (kamun song) -- Tungkangan
- 21) Kalangan Kalitan (shark song) -- Bunabunaan
- 22) Tenes-Tenes -- Kolo

- 23) Tenes-Tenes
- 24) Tenes-Tenes -- Kolo
- 25) Tenes-Tenes
- 26) Tenes-Tenes -- Kolo
- 27) Tenes-Tenes
- 28) Tenes-Tenes
- 29) Kalangan Baliu (wind song) -- Bunabunaan
- 30) Tenes-Tenes
- 31) Tenes-Tenes -- Kolo
- 32) Speech by Saraban
- 33) Tenes-Tenes -- Kolo

## Box 14

Songs recorded at Tungkalang and Tungbangkao, Tawi-Tawi, 1965-1966  
1 Sound tape reel (5 in.)

Audio: [Nimmo SR 02](#)

- 1) Binua (lullaby)
- 2) Gabbang
- 3) Lia-Lia (children's song)
- 4) Gabbang
- 5) Gabbang
- 6) Gabbang
- 7) Tenes-Tenes
- 8) Tenes-Tenes
- 9) Tenes-Tabawan
- 10) Kalangan Baliu (wind song)
- 11) Kalangan Kalitan (shark song)
- 12) Kalangan Kalitan (shark song)
- 13) Kalangan Kalitan (shark song)
- 14) Kalangan Kamun (kamun song)
- 15) Kalangan Kamun (kamun song)
- 16) Logo (Tausug song)
- 17) Kata-Kata
- 18) Funeral songs

## Box 14

Songs recorded at Sitangkai, Tawi-Tawi, 1966 July 26  
1 Sound tape reel (5 in.)

Audio: [Nimmo SR 03](#)

- 1) Muslim call to prayer (Arabic) -- Aradaia
- 2) "Partia" (prayer for opening services in mosque after call to prayer)
- 3) Gabbang ("Tat-Tat") -- Talhata
- 4) Gabbang ("Sulindang") -- Talhata
- 5) Tenes-Tenes -- Suwing (age ten)
- 6) Tenes-Tenes ("Makapuling") -- Kalangalan (age 21)
- 7) Tenes-Tenes -- Kalangalan
- 8) Tenes-Tenes ("Elmo") -- Kalangalan
- 9) Tenes-Tenes ("Makapuli") -- Kalangalan
- 10) Tenes-Tenes ("Sumanjibi") -- Kalangalan
- 11) Tenes-Tenes ("Sulindang") -- Jaijain
- 12) Tenes-Tenes -- Amira (age 13)
- 13) Gabbang ("Tat-Tat") -- Jaijain
- 14) Gabbang ("Tat-Tat") -- Jaijain
- 15) Gabbang ("Makapuli") -- Kalangalan

- 16) Tenes-Tenes ( "Belia" ) -- Kalangalan
- 17) Tenes-Tenes ( "Ensemo" ) -- Kalangalan
- 18) Tenes-Tenes ( "Sawesa" ) -- Kalangalan
- 19) Tenes-Tenes ( "Sega" ) -- Kalangalan

## Box 14

Songs recorded at Tungkalang, Sanga-Sanga, Tawi-Tawi, 1965

*1 Sound tape reel (5 in.)*

[Audio: Nimmo SR 04 part 1](#)

[Audio: Nimmo SR 04 part 2](#)

- Recorded at Tungkalang, Sanga-Sanga, Tawi-Tawi in Masarani's houseboat, October 29, 1965.
- 1. Tenes-Tenes -- Masarani
- 2. Kalangan Baliu (wind song) -- Masarani
- 3. Kalangan Baliu (wind song) -- Masarani
- 4. Binua (lullaby) -- Musulaini
- 5. Tenes-Tenes -- Masarani
- 6. Conversation
- 7. Tenes-Tenes -- Landisani
- 8. Tenes-Tenes -- Landisani
- 1. Conversation
- 2. Kalangan Kalitan (shark song) -- Masarani
- 3. Tenes-Tenes -- Hadjibulan
- 4. Tenes-Tenes -- Masarani
- 5. Tenes-Tenes -- Hadjibulan
- 6. Tenes-Tenes -- Indalilali
- 7. Tenes-Tenes -- Basilhani
- 8. Tenes-Tenes -- Basilhani
- 9. Tenes-Tenes -- Mejilhani
- 10. Tenes-Tenes -- Bungsia
- Recorded at Tungkalang, Sanga-Sanga, Tawi-Tawi in Maisahani's house, November 12, 1965
- 11. Gabbang -- Nolbaraini
- 12. Tenes-Tenes -- Landisani
- 13. Tenes-Tenes -- Landisani
- 14. Tenes-Tenes -- Mejilhani
- 15. Tenes-Tenes -- Landisani
- 16. Tenes-Tenes -- Hadjibulan
- 17. Tenes-Tenes -- Timpasani
- 18. Tenes-Tenes -- Bungsia
- 19. Gabbang ( "Tat-Tat" ) -- Nolbaraini
- 20. Gabbang ( "Sulindang" - a Malayan song) -- Nolbaraini
- 21. Tenes-Tenes -- Timpasani
- 22. Tenes-Tenes -- Mejilhani
- 23. Tenes-Tenes -- Tarzanhani
- Recorded at Tungkalang, Sanga-Sanga, Tawi-Tawi in Notre Dame School, November 15, 1965. The singers are all children.
- 24. Lia-Lia (children's song) -- Kamar
- 25. Lia-Lia (children's song) -- Maria
- 26. Lia-Lia (children's song) -- Bangsaria
- 27. Lia-Lia/Tenes-Tenes -- Navy
- 28. Tenes-Tenes -- Panyonhani
- 29. Lia-Lia/Tenes-Tenes -- Janaria

- 30. Tenes-Tenes --Kapasia

Box 14 Assorted Sama Dilaut songs recorded in Tawi-Tawi. Unknown date and place.  
*1 Sound tape reel (5 in.)*

[Audio: Nimmo SR 05](#)

- Written on box in very faint writing:
- Side 1
- 1. Logo - Intan, Kabuaidung(?) (Sister(?) of Thrabasa)
- 2. Bituana (writing too faint to read)
- 3. End of Prophet (M?) (writing too faint to read) - Intan

Box 14 Tenes-tenes, gabbang, and kata-kata recorded in Sitangkai, Tawi-Tawi.  
*1 Sound tape reel (5 in.)*

[Audio: Nimmo SR 06 side A](#)

[Audio: Nimmo SR 06 side B](#)

- The long tenes-tenes ballad "The Sitti Bulkiya" by Tagi Ali (Sama) recorded at Sitangkai, Tawi-Tawi in October 1966. Also unidentified tenes-tenes and gabbang.
- Kata-Kata chant. Sitangkai (?).

Box 14 Songs recorded at Tunbangkao, Bilatan, Tawi-Tawi., undated  
*1 Sound tape reel (5 in.)*

[Audio: Nimmo SR 07 Side A](#)

[Audio: Nimmo SR 07 Side B, part 1](#)

[Audio: Nimmo SR 07 Side B, part 2](#)

- Unidentified recording. Not Tawi-Tawi music.
- Recorded at Tunbangkao, Bilatan, Tawi-Tawi.
- 1. Binua (lullaby) -- Norisia
- 2. Gabbang -- Norisia
- 3. Gabbang -- Norisia
- 4. Tenes-Tabawan -- Norisia
- 5. Tenes-Tenes -- Unidentified singer
- 6. Tenes-Tabawan -- Norisia
- 7. Tenes-Tabawan -- Norisia
- 8. Kalangan Baliu (wind song) -- Norisia
- 1) Kalangan Baliu (wind song)
- 2) Kalangan Baliu (wind song)
- 3) Kalangan Baliu (wind song)
- 4) Kalangan Baliu (wind song)
- 5) Miscellaneous Tausug songs, violin, and recited Tausug Kisa story (?)

Box 14 A Tausug reading of The Mi'raj., circa 1966  
*1 Sound tape reel (5 in.)*

[Audio: Nimmo SR 08 side A](#)

[Audio: Nimmo SR 08 side B](#)

Box 14 Kata-kata chant recorded at Sitangkai, Tawi-Tawi., 1966 September 04

1 *Sound tape reel (5 in.)*

[Audio: Nimmo SR 09 part 1](#)

[Audio: Nimmo SR 09 part 2](#)

Box 14

Miscellaneous songs recorded at Sitangkai, undated

1 *Sound tape reel (5 in.)*

[Audio: Nimmo SR 10 Side A](#)

[Audio: Nimmo SR 10 Side B](#)

- 1) Gabbang
- 2) Kalangan Baliu (wind song) (?)
- 3) Kalangan Baliu (wind song) (?)
- 4) Kalangan Baliu (wind song)
- 5) Gabbang
- 6) Kalangan Baliu (wind song)
- 7) Kalangan Baliu (wind song)
- 8) Kalangan Baliu (wind song) (?)
- 9) Kalangan Baliu (wind song)
- 10) Kalangan Baliu (wind song)
- 11) Kalangan Kalitan (shark song) (?)
- 12) Kata-Kata (Chanted by Lansa. 27 January 1967. Sitangkai.)
  - Continuation of the kata-kata.

Box 14

Songs recorded at Karundung, Sanga-Sanga, Tawi-Tawi., 1965 November

1 *Sound tape reel (5 in.)*

[Audio: Nimmo SR 11](#)

- 1. Gabbang
- 2. Long ballad tenes-tenes ( "Spielman" ) sung by Eling Omar (Sama)
- 3. Kata-kata ( "Tuan Ismail" ) recited by Adjarani Kojaasan (Tausug)
- Written on the box: Side 1 - "Spillman" T-T by Eling "Tuan Ismail" K-K by Adjarani Kudgisan Side 2 - unused

Box 14

Recorded at Karundung, Sanga-Sanga, Tawi-Tawi., 1965 November

1 *Sound tape reel (5 in.)*

[Audio: Nimmo SR 12](#)

- 1) Gabbang
- 2) Long tenes-tenes ballad ( "The Bagung Buhai" ) by Eling Omar (Sama)

Box 14

Songs recorded at Sitangkai and Karundung, Sanga-Sanga, Tawi-Tawi.

1 *Sound tape reel (5 in.)*

[Audio: Nimmo SR 13 part 1](#)

[Audio: Nimmo SR 13 part 2](#)

- Recorded February 16, 1967. (Speed might be too fast on these recordings.)
- 1. Kalangan Baliu (wind song) (?)
- 2. Kalangan Baliu (wind song) (?)
- 3. Kalangan Baliu (wind song) (?)
- 4. Kalangan Kamun (kamun song) (?)

- 5. ?
- 6. Kalangan Kamun (kamun song) (?)
- 7. Gabbang and Kalangan Baliu (wind song) (?)
- 8. Kalangan Baliu (wind song)
- 9. Child's song
- Recorded at Karundung, Sanga-Sanga, Tawi-Tawi, November 1965
- 1. Long tenes-tenes ballad ( "Rihik and Rohana" ) sung by Eling Omar (Sama)
- 2. Violin solo by Padon (Sama)
- 3. Tenes-tenes ( "Tumahig-Tumahig" ) by Eling Omar (Sama)
- 4. Tenes-tenes ( "Sulindang" ) by Eling Omar (Sama)

Box 14

Tausug songs recorded at Karundung, Sanga-Sanga, Tawi-Tawi., 1965

[Audio: Nimmo SR 14 part 1](#)[Audio: Nimmo SR 14 part 2](#)

- 1) 1. Male speaker
- 2) 2. Gabbang and violin
- 3) 3. Tausug songs. A long narrative kisa ballad ( "Badun" ) by Hativ Mama (Tausug)
  - 1. Continuation of Tape 14A, Part 1
  - 2. Medley: gabbang, Tausug songs, violin
  - Written on box:
  - Side 1
  - 1) Medley of songs with gabbang, viola, and Taosug singers. Karundung, 5-S
  - 356) Kisa by Hativ Mama "Badun"
  - 695) Taosug viola

Box 14

"Pusung" stories told in English by Tausug in Bongao, Tawi-Tawi., undated  
*1 Sound tape reel (5 in.)*[Audio: Nimmo SR 15](#)

Recording also contains miscellaneous Western music. (The Pusung stories were recorded over it.)

Box 14

Unidentified miscellaneous songs and gabbang., undated  
*1 Sound tape reel (5 in.)*[Audio: Nimmo SR 16 part 1](#)[Audio: Nimmo SR 16 part 2](#)

Box 14

Gerry Rixhon interviews, 2001 August 29, 2001 August 25, 2001 August 23  
*3 Sound cassettes*

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