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Center for Short-lived Phenomena photograph  
collection relating to Tasaday people, circa 1971

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Center for Short-lived Phenomena photograph collection relating to Tasaday people
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1971
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.86-49
<b>Creator:</b>	Smithsonian Institution. Center for Short-lived Phenomena (Collector)
<b>Extent:</b>	40 Contact prints 7 Copy prints 11 Prints (silver gelatin)
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The photographs were left by the Center for Short-lived Phenomena when it left the Smithsonian and moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1975. They were transferred by Elizabeth Neals of the Department of Mineral Sciences, 1986.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Copies of Center for Short-lived Phenomena articles, including one on the "Tasaday Manubo Discovery," were donated with this collection. They can be found in the National Anthropological Archives Reference Files.

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The Smithsonian Institution Archives holds the Center for Short-lived Phenomena's event cards (SIA Acc. T89040, SIA Acc. 11-301, SIA RS01444), publications (SIA RS01443, SIA Acc. 09-129, SIA Acc. T89038), and records (SIA RU000607, SIA Acc. T89037).

### Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 86-49, Center for Short-lived Phenomena photograph collection relating to Tasaday people, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

### Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

## Biographical Note

The Center for Short-Lived Phenomena (CSLP) was created in January 1968 to assist Smithsonian scientists by providing an information service on phenomena such as meteoritics, vulcanism, earthquakes, and sudden ecological events or changes. One of the events on which they reported was the discovery of the "Tasaday Manube" tribe in July 1971. According to Dr. Robert B. Fox (Chief Anthropologist for the National Museum of the Philippines and Director of Panamin research), PANAMIN President Manuel Elizalde, Jr. made the first Western contact with the Tasaday people, who were an isolated "stone age" level tribe with no agriculture or contact with other Philippine people. In the 1980s, the discovery was accused of being a hoax, leading to an ongoing controversy.

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## Scope and Contents

Photographs depicting Tasaday people, shelters, and tools. Many of the photographs were provided by PANAMIN (the Private Association for National Minorities or the Presidential Arm for National Minorities) and were made by either Manuel Elizalde, Jr. or Dr. Robert B. Fox, both PANAMIN employees.

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## Bibliography

Photographs published in Smithsonian Institution Center for Short-lived Phenomena Annual Report, 1971.

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## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 86-49

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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:

Tasaday (Philippine people)

Cultures:

Tasaday (Philippine people)

Names:

Panamin Foundation

Places:

Philippines