

Do you know?

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WHERE TO STAY

WAKID is a container used by most Kadazan-Dusun-Murut people to carry miscellaneous goods. This container is cylindrical with a funnel-like opening. It is about three to four feet in height and 36 inches in diameter. It has a pair of straps akin to a knapsack. This container, a backpack, is used to carry paddy, rice, yams, tapioca and firewood, among many others. Most farming communities of Sabah, especially paddy planters, continue to use the wakid to this day.

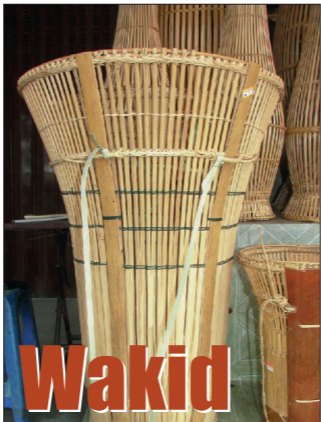
Making a wakid can be a tedious task: bamboo, about ten feet in length, is split into strips about as wide as a little finger. The strips are then whittled and smoothed until they are almost round.

A special vine is then woven into various sizes of hoops to form the container. Hoops are placed on the bottom, middle, and third and two thirds up the mouth itself. These hoops will determine the size of the container.

The bamboo flinders are then arranged closely together and tied down with fine rattan. The rattan is tied in an intricate pattern that lends a certain elegance to the container.

The straps, about two inches in width, are made from woven rattan.

Wakid is available for sale in tamus (traditional local market) and roadside handicraft stalls. They cost about RM15 upwards.



Wakid

MAY EVENTS

Tabin Wildlife Photo Hut

Date : May to July 2006
Organiser : Tabin Wildlife S/B/Intra Travel Service Sdn Bhd
Venue : Tabin Wildlife Reserve, Lahad Datu
Further Info : Alixon Ho
Tel: 086260558 / 262568, Fax: 088 267558
Email : enquiry@tabinwildlife.com.my

Crafts Exotica

Date : 02 - 27 May 2006
Organiser : Sabah Museum
Venue : Sabah Museum, Kota Kinabalu
Further Info : Datuk Joseph Pounis Guntavid
Tel : 088 253199, Fax : 088 240230
Email : Muzium.Sabah@sabah.gov.my

Patterns and Colours of Sabah

Date : 11 May - 05 June 2006
Organiser : Sabah Art Gallery
Venue : Sabah Art Gallery, Kota Kinabalu
Further Info : Datuk Yaman Mas

Tel : 088 268875
Fax : 088 210040
Email : gallery_9@msn.com
Tel : 088 232121
Fax : 088 265540

Website :
http://www.sabahtourism.com/event/ksko

Harvest Festival Celebration

Date : 15 - 31 May 2006
Organiser : Hyatt Regency Kinabalu
Venue : Tanjung Ras Café, Hyatt Regency Kinabalu, Kota Kinabalu
Further Info : Food & Beverage Department
Tel : 088 2621234
Fax : 088 264315
Email : hyatt.kinabalu@hyattintl.com

Sabah World Museum Day 2006

Date : 18 - 23 May 2006
Organiser : Sabah Museum
Venue : Sabah Museum, Kota Kinabalu

Further Info : Datuk Joseph Pounis Guntavid
Tel : 088 253199
Fax : 088 240230
Email : Muzium.Sabah@sabah.gov.my

Harvest Festival Regatta

Date : 27 - 28 May 2006
Organiser : Kinabalu Yacht Club
Venue : (Not Stated)
Further Info : Mr. Christopher Chin
Tel : 088 240070 / 243070
Fax : 088 243007

Grand Finale - Tadau Kaamatan Celebrations

Date : 30 - 31 May 2006
Organiser : Kadazan-Dusun Cultural Association (KDCA)
Venue : KDCA Hall Penampang
Further Info : (Not Stated)
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/ 293306 (Reserv)
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Weekly TAMU (Open Market) in Sabah

■ Tamus are held in almost every town/village in Sabah. Most local traders gather to buy, sell or barter their farm produce, handicrafts, traditional ware, musical instruments, etc.

SUNDAY 6am - 2pm

Kota Belud, Tuaran, Pitas, Poring, Bidoing, Sandakan, Jesselton, Wengkol, Kota Marudu, Slika, Gaya Street Fair (Kota Kinabalu)

MONDAY 6am - 2pm

Tandak

TUESDAY 6am - 2pm

Rika

WEDNESDAY 6am - 2pm

Pogon-pogon, Tamparuli & Kudat

THURSDAY 6am - 2pm

Danggingan, Belaga, Bepit, Pukan, Pukan, Sigitan, Sandakan, Keningau

FRIDAY 6am - 2pm

Danggingan, Sunanan, Weitan, Masepal, Kambangan

SATURDAY 6am - 2pm

Kinamat, Beaufort, Sinduan, Matinggong, Pukan Pita

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