

Model of a Toraja house

Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: carving; model

Date of production: late 20 – early 21th century

Place of production: Sulawesi (Celebes), Indonesia, Southeast Asia

Materials/Technique wood, plant fibre, carved

Dimensions: height: 76 cm
width: 22 cm
length: 98 cm

This hand-made house model depicts the typical house type called tongkonan of the Toraja people of the southern part of the island of Sulawesi (Celebes).

The tongkonan is a boat-shaped building on piles with a saddleback roof, usually built with the collaboration of several families, and is the embodiment of the Toraja microcosm.

A gift from Gajus Sceltema, former ambassador of the Netherlands to Hungary.

