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## **A VERY FINE KELAMANTAN BASKET , BORNEO**

A VERY FINE KELAMANTAN BASKET , BORNEO , INDONESIA  
LATE 19 TH CENTURY – EARLY 20 TH CENTURY  
SIZE : 35.5 CMLONG , 18 CMDIA – 14 INS LONG , 7 INS DIA

## **LITERATURE**

THE KELAMANTAN , MANY OF WHOM WERE NOMAD HUNTERS , ARE RENOWNED FOR THEIR WOVEN BASKETRY . BOTH MEN AND WOMEN WEAVE AND THEIR BASKET WORK IS OF A HIGH STANDARD .

INDONESIAN DECORATIVE ART IS GENERALLY CHARACTERISED BY A TENDENCY TO IRREGULAR SCROLLWORK AND PLANT DESIGNS ARE FREQUENTLY USED AND INTERPRETED . IN BORNEO THE WOVEN PATTERNS ARE REPRESENTATIONS OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEIR USE AFFORDS MAGICAL PROTECTION TO THE OWNER OF THE BASKET FROM GENERAL MISFORTUNE .