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LATE 19 TH CENTURY – EARLY 20 TH CENTURY
SIZE : 35.5 CM LONG , 18 CM DIA. – 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 .