

**Resilience of Sea Peoples in Southeast Asia and Oceania:
Comparative Studies and Dialogue with Practitioners of the Tsunami-Affected Sanriku Region in Japan**
January 30-31 2025 / Project MAPS: Maritime Asian and Pacific Studies, Toyo University

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE		
DATE	TIME	SESSION
Jan. 30 (Fri)	10:30-10:40	Welcome and Introductory Remarks
	10:40-12:00	Session 1 -- Sea Peoples and Nature: Perspectives from the Next Generation
	14:00-14:40	Keynote Speech by Prof. James F. Warren In Search of Consilience: Thomas Forrest, the MaKaturing Eruption circa 1762-65, and the Rise of the Iranun
	14:50-17:00	Session 2 -- Dynamics of Human-Environment Interactions among Sea Peoples
	18:10-20:00	Reception (advance registration required)
Jan. 30 (Fri)	10:30-12:40	Session 3 -- Vernacular Meanings of Living on the Sea
	13:40-16:30	Session 4 -- Dialogue with Practitioners of the Sanriku Region: Resilience of Coastal Communities after the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami and its Implications for Southeast Asia and Oceania
	16:30-16:45	Summary and Wrap-up
	16:45-16:50	Closing Remarks

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Day 1: January 30, Friday

10:30-10:40 Welcome and Introductory Remarks
-- [Kazufumi Nagatsu](#) (Toyo University)

Session 1 -- Sea Peoples and Nature: Perspectives from the Next Generation

Chair and Moderator: [Yuki Suzuki](#) (Kokushikan University)

10:40-11:00 Was it a "Disaster"? The Experience of the Sama-Bajau People in Banggai Islands, Indonesia
-- [Makibi Nakano](#) (Konan Women's University)

11:00-11:20 From Home-seas to Urbanities: The State of the Sama-Bajaus across the Philippines amidst Socio-Ecological Changing Realities
-- [Amiel Jay Lopez](#) (Ateneo de Davao University)

11:20-11:40 Political Ecology of Marginalization: Sea Nomad Resilience Against Coastal and Marine Extraction in Southeast Asia
-- [Wengki Ariando](#) (KITLV: Royal Netherlands Institute of SE Asia and Caribbean Studies)

11:40-12:00 Living with Disasters: A Case Study of Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands
-- [Shin-ichi Fujii](#) (National Museum of Ethnology)

12:00-12:15 --- Break ---

12:15-12:30 Comments -- [James F. Warren](#) (Murdoch University)

12:30-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:00 --- Lunch ---

14:00-14:40 **Keynote Speech**
In Search of Consilience: Thomas Forrest, the MaKaturing Eruption circa 1762-65, and the Rise of the Iranun
Prof. James F. Warren (Murdoch University)

14:40-14:50 --- Break ---

Session 2 -- Dynamics of Human-Environment Interactions among Sea Peoples

Chair and Moderator: [Fujii Shinichi](#) (National Museum of Ethnology)

14:50-14:55 Introduction -- [Fujii Shinichi](#)

14:55-15:15 On Indigenous Resilience: The Orang Suku Laut
-- [Cynthia Chou](#) (University of Iowa)

15:15-15:35 Boat as a Nexus Linking Maritime Societies and the Environment: A Case Study of the Moken in the Andaman Sea, Thailand
-- [Yuki Suzuki](#) (Kokushikan University)

15:35-15:55 Perception of the Globally Changing Environment among Vezo Fishers of Madagascar
-- [Taku Iida](#) (National Museum of Ethnology)

15:55-16:10 --- Break ---

16:10-17:00 Discussion

17:10-17:50 Business Meeting (MAPS members only)

18:10-20:00 Reception (advance registration required)

Day 2: January 31 (Sat)

Session 3 – Vernacular Meanings of Living on the Sea

Chair and Moderator: [Hisashi Shimojo](#) (Kobe University)

10:30-10:35	Introduction -- Hisashi Shimojo
10:35-10:55	The Bajau's Art of Not Being Subjugated in the Wallacean Sea -- Kazufumi Nagatsu (Toyo University)
10:55-11:15	Bajau Laut of Sabah Made Invisible via Institutionalised Knowledge Production about Social and Environmental Threats -- Fadzilah Majid Cooke (Independent Scholar) and Greg Acciaioli (The University of Western Australia)
11:15-11:35	The Origin of Lau and the Influence of Polynesian Outliers in the Solomon Islands: Reflections from Oral History -- Daisuke Takekawa (The University of Kitakyushu)
11:35-11:50	--- Break ---
11:50-12:40	Discussion
12:40-13:40	--- Lunch ---

Session 4 -- Dialogue with Practitioners of the Sanriku Region: Resilience of Coastal Communities after the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami and its Implications for Southeast Asia and Oceania

Chair and Moderator: [Tsukiko Myojo](#) (JSPS / Toyo University)

13:40-13:45	Introduction -- Kazufumi Nagatsu
13:45-14:10	Seawall and Civic Engagement: A Challenge in Post-Tsunami Beach Recovery on the Oya Coast of Kesennuma -- Tomoyuki Miura (Project Rias, Kesennuma)
14:10-14:35	Community Resilience Beyond Seawalls: Post-Tsunami Recovery, Coastal Protection, and Environmental Conservation in Kesennuma-Moune -- Makoto Hatakeyama (NPO Mori wa Umi no Koibito, Kesennuma)
14:35-14:55	From Recovery to Resilience: Post-tsunami and Post-Covid Lifeways of the Moken in Thailand -- Narumon Arunotai (Chulalongkorn University)
14:55-15:15	Bridging Three Decades of Discourse and Reality: Community-Based Coastal Management in Maluku and Papua, Indonesia -- Dedi Adhuri (National Research and Innovation Agency, Indonesia)
15:15-15:30	--- Break ---
15:30-15:40	Comments 1 -- Takuro Furusawa (Kyoto University)
15:40-15:50	Comments 2 -- Hironao Kawai (Tokyo Metropolitan University)
15:50-16:30	Round Table Dialogue
16:30-16:45	Summary and Wrap-up -- Rintaro Ono (National Museum of Ethnology/ Leader, MAPS)
16:45-16:50	Closing Remarks -- Kazufumi Nagatsu