



Lalapung: Traditional Seed Storage of Lumads in Arakan Valley

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Mindanao

Southernmost and second largest island in the Philippines. Home of the Lumad IP's.



“Lumad”



a collective term that refers to the eighteen (18) ethno-linguistic tribes of Mindanao: Ata, Bagobo, Banwaon, B'laan, Bukidnon, Dibabawon, Higaunon, Kalagan, Mamanwa, Mandaya, Mangguwangan, Manobo, Mansaka, Subanen, T'bolli, Tagakaolo, Teduray and the Ubo.

Lumads are protectors of seeds...



“Lalapung”

- Seed storage structure among Lumads in Arakan Valley
- They are usually found in community centers or in a safe location



“Lalapung”

- Building the structures starts with selecting a good quality tree
- The Lumads usually utilizes Cogon (*Imperata Cylindrica*) for its roofing
- And uses wood for its walls and flooring
- Cogon and wood provides good environment



A metal sheet of around 3'-5' wide is placed around the trunk to prevent pests especially rodents from climbing.

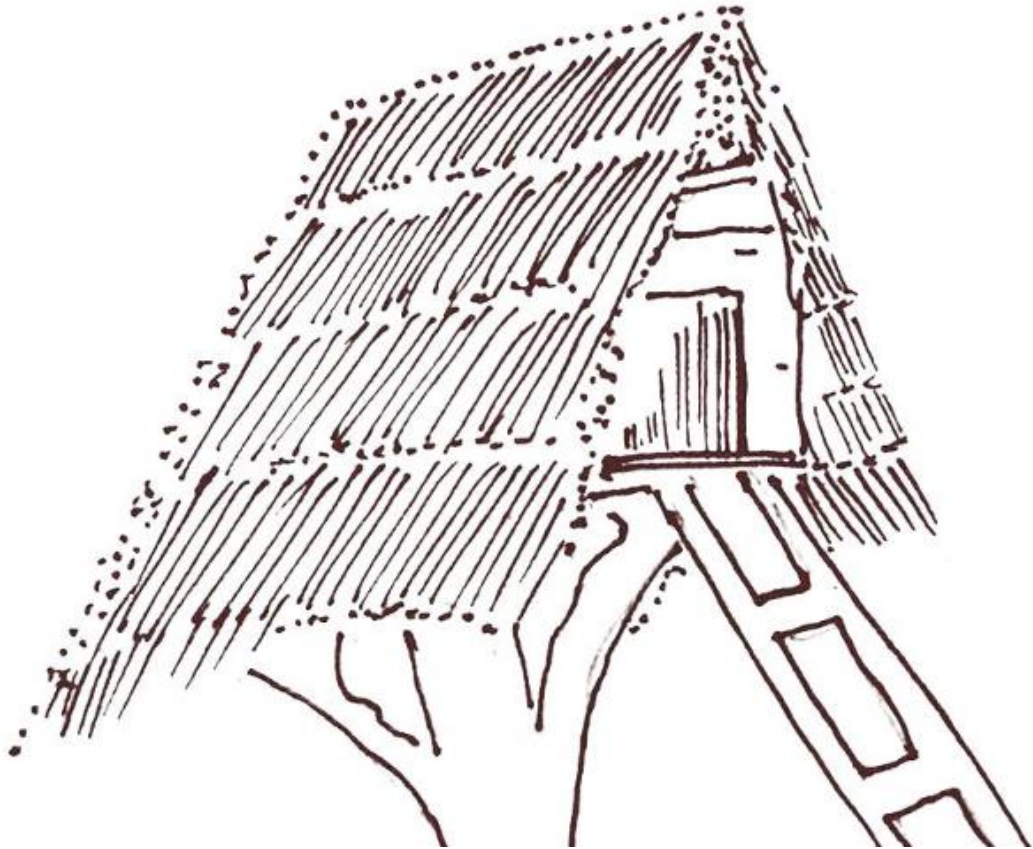


Lumads collectively and carefully select seeds...



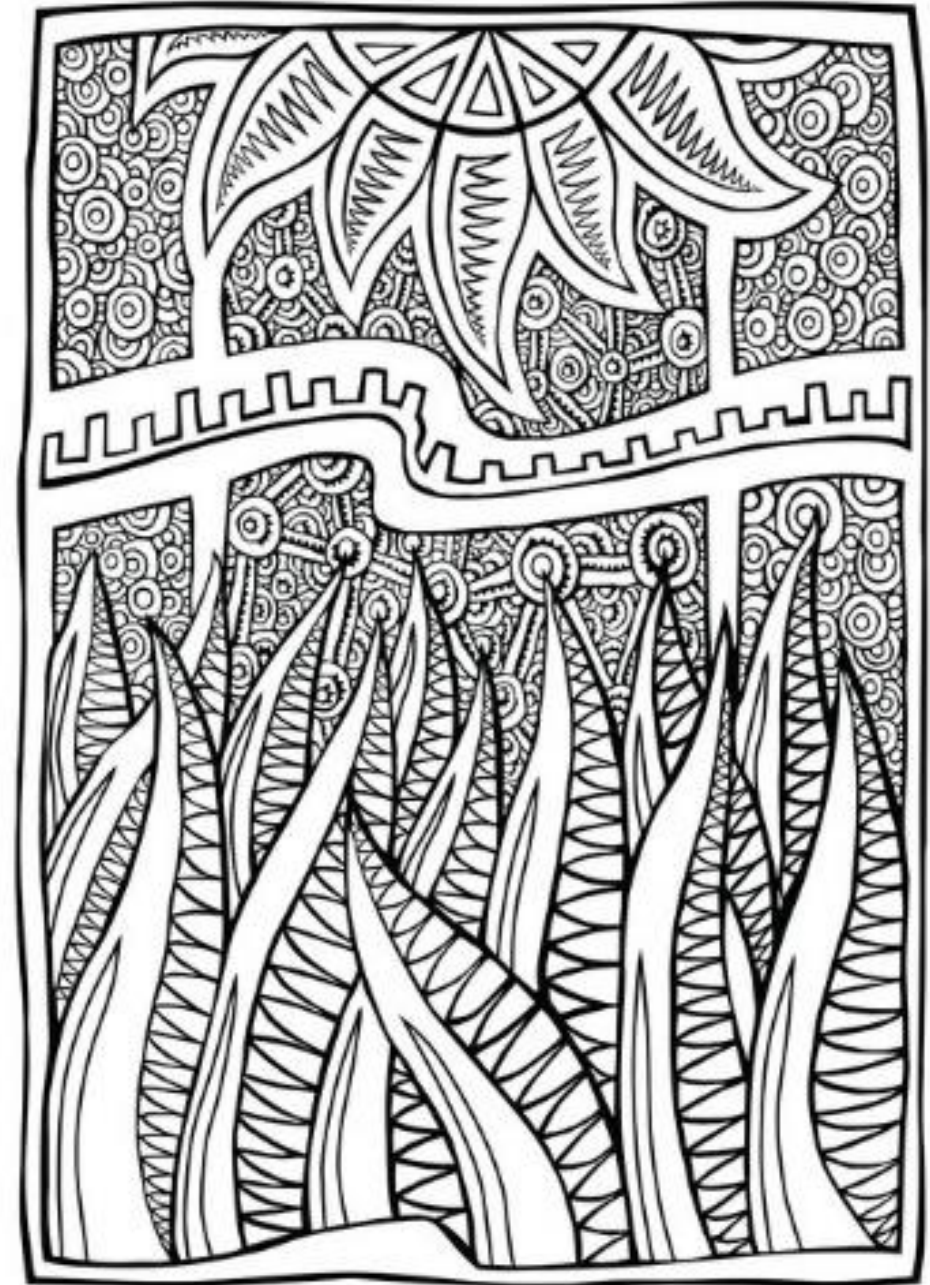
Seeds are placed in a basket to prevent mixing...





A ladder is used in order to access the seeds.

To maintain the viability,
seeds are being replaced
every harvest season...



Harvest

Lalapung preserves not just seeds but also hopes for future generations...





Dakol na Pasalamat!
(Thank You Very Much)