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Fisherman's House near Sawai in Maluku
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Perspectives on Water in the Study of Southeast Asia

This issue of **EXPLORATIONS** focuses attention on the multitude of ways in which water, in all of its forms, has influenced Southeast Asian Studies. The articles featured in this volume bring water to the forefront of Southeast Asian Studies scholarship by covering issues relating to water security, maritime disputes, fishing rights, disaster preparation, river management, and maritime networks in Southeast Asia in both historical and contemporary contexts. In raising these questions, this journal seeks to expand the possibilities of using the water perspective in studying Southeast Asia.

The **EXPLORATIONS** editorial team is pleased to be a part of this student-initiated platform to encourage and promote graduate scholarship in Southeast Asian Studies, and we look forward to seeing further advancement of research in this area.

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