

Basic Detail Report

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Title

Sketch of the coastline of Sumatra

Date

1974-1977

Medium

Paper

Dimensions

Overall: 327 × 440 mm

Name

Map

History

This map is part of a series of maps that contain notes and improvised navigational information for a journey by boat beginning in Vietnam or one of its neighbouring countries and ending in Darwin, Australia. Most of the maps are either hand drawn or repurposed from other charts, which were not supposed to be used for real navigation. Using them to brave the long and arduous journey to Australia would have been a risky and challenging endeavour. The refugee vessel TU DO, which is in the possession of the Australian National Maritime Museum, arrived in the same year that these maps were either created or used. Its owner also used a map from a school atlas to bring more than 30 people to Australia.