



Ossuary (Sandung)

Date
19th Century

Primary Maker
Dayak

Medium
Ironwood

Description

Funerary customs among the Dayak include two burials of the deceased. First upon death, the body is wrapped and left in or near the family home. At a later date and after decomposition, the bones are moved to a coffin, or ossuary, which is placed in a common burial ground for the community—usually in a natural rock and cliff environment.

Dimensions

a,b: 24 × 20 × 86 in. (61 × 50.8 × 218.4 cm)