###### **T’NALAK**

###### Community: Tboli

###### Origin: South Cotabato

###### The traditional textile woven by the Tboli women, t’nalak represents birth, life, union in marriage and death, and shows the uniqueness and identity of the indigenous group. It is often utilised as blankets and clothing, and used in royal wedding ceremonies on rare occasions.

###### The Tboli weavers are often called “dream weavers” but this applies only to a few dedicated weavers. It is believed that the designs and patterns are bestowed on them by Fu Dalu, the spirit of abaca, through their dreams.

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