

TOPIC: HISTORY OF NABENA.

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SUBJECT: THE REASON OF THE LINK BETWEEN NABENA & BAU.

- In the olden days were two brothers in Bau. They were both married to two beautiful girls but the two girls don't like each other. The olden brother's wife does not like the younger brothers wife. They were both jealous of each other because of their husbands position. Now one day the older brothers wife asked the younger brothers if she wants to accompany her to dive for oyster. The younger brothers wife agreed and so they decide on a day. Before they left to Matanivanua and ask him to dye their hair. The Mata ni vanua brought some Lase (coral) pound it and dyed the two ladies made their way down to dive oyster. When they have reached the spot where they are to dive the older brothers wife told the younger brothers wife to dive first. Now the older brothers wife hates the younger brothers wife. The younger brothers wife said, no you dive first. So the older brothers wife dived first. She dived down and shake the oyster and than she came up again saying, the oyster is quite a big and i can not bring it up my self. Now you try, so the younger's wife had already shaken the oyster and so the oyster mouth was open when the

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- other dived down. The lady who dived second did not know what happened and reach out to take the oyster. At that time the oysters mouth closed and her hand was caught between the shell. The young brothers wife struggle but in vain. The sea turned red above and the older brothers wife knew that the other is killed so she starts back home. The spirit of the dead lady accompanied her back until they came to a ridge that is for crossing from this side to the other. When they were crossing the spirit frll in the water. They were crossing on a half fallen pandarmus tree. Now the tree fell and spirit fell in the sea/ So that place is called Adi Raroga. Adi Raroga is Bauan peoples vu (god) . From than on to this day when the Pandarmus tree flowers and if the flower is but you will see the dye of coral in it. That is the dye that belongs to the lady Adi Raroga, because she fell on a Pandarmus tree the Pandarmus flowers coral dye that belongs to the lady Adi Raroga the god of Bau. The Pandarmus tree belongs to us up here in Naitasiri but the dye belongs to those in Bau. When this happen as the dye is found in Pandarmus flower, because of the drown spirit. There is a link between Bau and Mabena. Nabenas means dye. The dye rhat belongs to Adi Raroga the god of the Bauans. That is all.

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