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Sanyo Maru

Every shipwreck has a story

Image courtesy of NT Heritage Branch

Exhibition for Hire



Thirty kilometres off the Arnhem Land coast of northern Australia, and twenty-six metres under the water, lies a Japanese shipwreck that sank in a squall off Arnhem Land in 1937. Once lost and forgotten, the *Sanyo Maru* has been explored by diving archaeologists.

The exhibition *Sanyo Maru* tells the story of a Japanese crew far from home. The ship provided a lifeline for its crew and hundreds of the divers aboard who harvested pearl shells, a growing industry prior to the start of the Pacific War in 1941. It is the story of a ship dangerously overloaded and caught in a storm. *Sanyo Maru* and the fleet were also part of a bigger story about peaceful contact with Aboriginal peoples, and conflict with Australian authorities.

Never previously displayed, the artefacts in the exhibition include personal items, dinnerware, surgical kit and diving gear.

Audience

- History and shipwreck enthusiasts
- People interested in maritime science and archaeology
- Families with school aged children
- Tourists
- Hobby divers
- Local history groups

Exhibition content

- Objects found on the shipwreck
- Two detailed, handmade dioramas of the *Sanyo Maru*
- Two audio visual materials with all required hardware
- Object labels and graphic content panels

Supporting materials

- Logos
- Media release templates
- Wallpaper graphic (printable PDF file)

Size

- 30 lineal wall meters (for graphics)
- 2 x object showcases will be provided:
1800 (l) x 750 (w) x 1310 (h) mm
- 2 x dioramas will be provided:
 - 1 x 500 (w) x 500 (d) x 1575 (h) mm
 - 1 x 585 (w) x 500 (d) x 1630 (h) mm



An archaeologist guides the cage of artefacts to the surface.
Photo: J. Parkinson.

Display period

Minimum display period: 3 months
Maximum display period: 6 months

Touring dates

Mid 2022 – end 2023

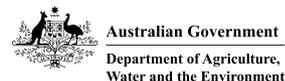
Previously exhibited

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