

Acknowledgements

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The photograph on the cover, set against the background of a Toraja textile, shows an old Toraja man and his dog standing beside a *deata* offering-pole erected as part of a *medatu* ritual held when rice is ripening in a field. The rice field for which the pole was erected is called Rattang Sura' and belongs to the old *tongkonan* of Tumakke. The photograph was taken by Roxana Waterson.

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