

"Moving the kitchen out": Contemporary bugis migration

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Abstrak

This article provides a description of Bugis and intra-island migration, analyzing the pattern of migration when Bugis settlers move from their home villages of Bone to the new frontier area of Baras in West Sulawesi, Indonesia. I argue that unlike migrants in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and their present-day contemporaries, Bugis in Baras are permanent migrants referred to as those who have *mallékké dapûrêng* ("moved the kitchen out," in their language). This ethnographic study in Baras presents an alternative interpretation of migration patterns among the Bugis. The findings of this study indicate that farmers are the main participants in this permanent migration. Bugis in Baras commit to *mallékké dapûrêng* because of their traditional value of *siri*' (self-esteem and honor), further influenced by environmental, economic, social, and political factors.