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LECTURE
Pre-Spanish Society:
Datus & Caracoas


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The Philippines



- Geographically: Southeast Asia
- Malayo-Polynesian language group
- Theories of Human migration
- Seafaring Society
- SE Asian Economy

Geography



- 7,100 Islands
- 1,140 miles long
- 690 miles wide
- Southernmost Islands
 - Tawi-Tawi (Mindanao)
 - Only 30 miles from Malaysia
- Northernmost Islands
 - Batanes Islands (Luzon)
 - Only 150 miles from Taiwan

3 Major Geographical Areas



- **Luzon**
 - Largest Island Group
 - Location of Manila (Capital)
- **Visayas**
 - Central Philippines
 - Major Islands: Cebu, Negros, Panay, Bohol, Leyte
- **Mindanao**
 - Southern Philippines

R. Reed, *SE Asia in the Age of Commerce*, p.4



LANGUAGE FAMILIES
 Austronesian
 Mon-Khmer (Proto-Malays)
 Tai-Kadai (Kadai)
 Vietnamese
 Burmese
 Languages
 AFAK

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Philippine Language(s) (Pilipino language(s)) [Austronesian] = Western Malayo-Polynesian family & 70 languages & dialects

H. Otley Beyer's Wave Theory

- **Java Man [Woman]**
 - 1-1.8 million years (*homo erectus*)
- 1st Wave: Negritos & “land bridge”
- 2nd Wave: Proto-Malay & island hopping
- 3rd Wave: Indonesians (lighter skin)
- 4th Wave?: 10 Datus from Borneo

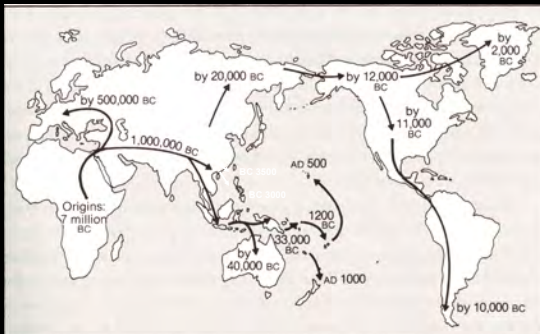
William Henry Scott: *Barangay*, 10-11

Contemporary View: 2 major migrations

- **Land Bridge & Water Craft** (“Austroloid,” 40,000 BC)
 - From Asia via Malaysia & Indonesia
 - Negritos are more closely related to Australians & not in language (WMP: suggests long-term conquest)
- **Seafaring** (Southern “Mongoloid”)
 - Island-hopping via sea-going boats/canoes
 - China → Indonesia → Philippines → Pacific Islands
 - J. Diamond: China → Taiwan → Philippines → Pacific

Sources: Wm Henry Scott, pp. 10-11 & J. Diamond, Chpt. 17

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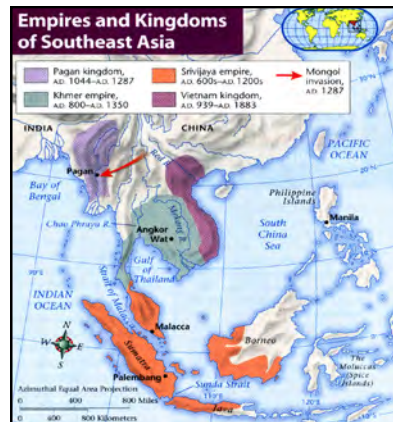


Human Migration: the Big Picture



First written reference to Filipinos

- **10th Century AD:** Chinese reported that “Mindoro merchants” arrived in Canton (p.87)—Scott: they may have arrived as passengers.
- **12th Century AD** these warships reached China.
- Scott: “We know that Visayan *caracoas* were on the Fukien coast in the 12th century.”
- **Gov. Wang Ta-yu of Chuan-chow (Fukien):** “the Visayan complexion is as dark as lacquer, so their tattoos can hardly be seen” (*Cracks*, p.87).



Pre-European Empires:

- Borneo
- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- Thailand
- Vietnam
- *Srivijaya
- 600-1200s AD