



Even before the conservation and rebuilding undertaken in this project, the remote village of Wae Rebo was known to be the last Manggarai village still containing these authentic multi-storey structures.

Five identical conical houses, known as the mbaru niang, have been entirely rebuilt; of the two houses rebuilt under the local government programme in the 1990s, one was entirely re-thatched and the other left untouched.





Each of the five rebuilt mbaru niang sit exactly upon the footprint of the earlier houses. Their arrangement and individual orientation are as before, namely in an open U-shape facing towards the community's central, open-air altar.

At the early stage, to restore the village to its original state of seven houses was not even under consideration, the rebuilding was only concerning the two damaged mbaru niang.





Four of the five rebuilt houses are identical and resemble the original buildings. As before, the organisation of spaces reflects family and social structures, modest agricultural lifestyles and cultural beliefs that have remained largely unchanged.

At Wae Rebo, the mbaru niang house large extended families (up to 30–40 people each) but also serve as a ritual and ceremonial space to commemorate ancestors.





The buildings are entirely handmade, manually erected and assembled with simple tools – such as ropes, machetes, and chisels – with no machinery other than a hired chainsaw to fell the larger trees in the forest.

The black palm fibres, introduced to increase the longevity of the thatch roofing, is sourced from nearby Mulas Island.





The rebuilt mbaru niang faithfully replicate the original houses using, as before, natural materials available in the surrounding forest.

The fifth mbaru niang was intended as a guest house for visitors and Wae Rebo has rapidly been transformed from near obscurity to one of the main sights promoting tourism on the island of Flores.





01 2nd house - detail before (By Ferry Tan)



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02 2nd house - detail after (by Robin Hartanto)



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construction of tirta gena ndorom

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final phase - complete

final phase - construction on progress



finish phase 1



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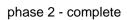




phase 1 - complete

phase 1 - construction on progress







phase 2 - construction on progress



phase 2 - existing condition



phase 3 - existing condition





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Varani Kosasih (3)



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