

Tales of Shipwreck, Suffering, and Murder

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Ships of the Dutch
East-India Company
wrecked off
Southern Sulawesi,
Indonesia



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— The *retourvloot*, 'home-bound fleet', of 1647, leaving Batavia Roads, by an anonymous master. Two of the vessels, *Tijger* (fourth from left) and *Wulvis* (sixth from left), later sank in the area here surveyed.



This site provides information on a number of ships lost by the *Vereenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie*, the Dutch East India Company, in the vicinity of Southern Sulawesi and the Flores Sea, ca. 03-08dgr.S / 117-125dgr. E, right in the center of the Indonesian Archipelago.

The list of shipwrecks here discussed does not claim to be complete – I'm convinced that a detailed research in the surviving archives will come up with more

vessels, big and small, lost in the area. I based it on an 'example survey' I made in 2005/6 for the Agency for Marine and Fisheries Research, Department of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Indonesia, Jakarta. As I happen to have some of the necessary sources at hand, the main focus are vessels lost in the mid-1600s.

You can access information on the vessels here discussed via [this list](#).

For those interested enough, there is a page with [links](#) to other websites on VOC wrecks and the archival sources here used.

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