

1943
Scenes of Sumatra designs
unwatermarked, litho, perf 12½



N15
Batta Tribal House



N16
Batta Tribal House



N17
Batta Tribal House



N18
Menangkabau
House



N19
Menangkabau
House



N20
Menangkabau
House



N21
Plowing with a
Carabao



N22
Plowing with a
Carabao



N23
Nais Island



N24
Nais Island



N25
Carabao Canyon



N26
Carabao Canyon

This set issued in 2 currencies.
Dutch East Indies currency:
cents/gulden – (N15-N25)
Japanese currency:
sen/roepiah – (N26)

Japanese Occupation of SUMATRA

“Early in 1942 instructions were issued to overprint the Dutch East Indies stamps. This was done regionally and locally. As a result more than 50 local overprints have been recorded for Sumatra. Many of these have important local varieties. For example, there are more than 20 different cross overprints for the Sumatra West Coast alone.”

“Towards the end of 1942 and in early 1943 overprints of a more general character were introduced. These are the overprints Dai Nippon (Great Japan) and Dai Nippon Yubin (Great Japan Postage). On April 29, 1943, a 3½ and a 10 cent stamp were issued as the first two values of a definitive series. They were followed by ten more values on August 1, 1944. On January 1, 1944, the so-called T-overprint was introduced for all of Sumatra. These general overprints were sometimes also applied to stamps that already had an occupation overprint.”

From: DaiNippon.nl

Japanese Post Office Symbol (similar to a T with two cross bars)



Dai Nippon Overprint

