



# Maritime Archaeology in Vietnam: recent research and developments

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VENUE: 41.G03A, UOW  
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TALK TITLE: MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGY IN VIETNAM: RECENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENTS



Mark Staniforth is currently an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Archaeology at Flinders University. He developed and directed the Maritime Archaeology Program (MAP) in the Department of Archaeology for 14 years (1997-2010). Since 2008 he has been a member of a research team that has been investigating archaeological sites at Bach Dang and Van Don in Vietnam where two of Kublai Khan's invasion fleets were defeated and largely destroyed in 1288AD. This research is working in cooperation with researchers from the Institute of Archaeology at the Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences. The project is led by Dr Le Thi Lien and has been funded through grants from *National Geographic* magazine.



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## SEMINAR OVERVIEW:

Nine fieldwork research and training seasons (2008-2016) have been conducted in Vietnam by an interdisciplinary, international team of researchers, research associates, students and trainers known as the Vietnam Maritime Archaeology Project (VMAP). VMAP, in association with our partners at the Institute of Archaeology (IA) in Vietnam, is dedicated to supporting the Vietnam government and the Vietnamese people in building maritime archaeology to investigate, protect and preserve maritime and underwater cultural heritage in Vietnam. Over the last nine years the research and training team has conducted stratigraphic coring, archaeological survey and test excavations at battlefield sites in Yen Giang (Battle of Bach Dang 1288 AD) and on Quan Lan island (Battle of Van Don 1288 AD) as well as preliminary survey work in Nghe An and Quang Nam (at Cu Lao Cham) provinces. In addition NAS (Nautical Archaeology Society) training has been conducted in Nghe An and Quang Nam provinces as well as in Hanoi.

