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The ancient people in Mainland Mindanao were called Iraanun of the costal area of Illana bay (Ilian in M'ranao) and Iranaon of the people in Bembaran (Bukidnon) and Kiaranda a Ragat (Lanao or Ranao) Area.

The Iraanun is the people of the constant flow of rivers and creeks from the mountains to the coastal areas, and volcanic eruptions little-by-little a flat land surface developed. Modern science described and illustrated as a result of sedimentary formation and residual remains forms the low and flat land surface in the coastal areas. The M'ranao vernacular called it "IRA" which means remains. Thus the name of the people in the costal area of Illana bay was derived from the root word "IRA" IRAANUN which means people living the residual remains in the coastal areas. The people of Ranao called them "IMRAGATEN tao sa RAGAT" at this present day they are "IRANUN"

The Iranaon are people from the lake (Ranao in M'ranao), the history narrated that on 1074 Ranao area was lived by the monsters animals "Makaogis and Omakaan" this destructive animals controled the lake was plenty of fishes reason for them to owned the area. The people of the lake were forced to leave the area and migrated to Malabang, but the princess of Ranao was brought in Sabah Borneo for her safety and security. this princess was married to Sultan Nabi Bacaraman of Komara Mantapoli and got only Radia Indarapatra, Radia Solaiman is a half brother of Indarapatra,

Radia indarapatra was the first Malay Datu arrived in Mindanao on 1130 to visit Ranao and toke revenged against these monsters; he first landed in Uranen kingdom now "Malabang" The first seat of government of the Uranen Kingdom was in Tbok, a barangay of Malabang, Lanao del sur along coastal area of the municipality.

Rajah Indarapatra proceeded to upland in the area of Lake Lanao, in a short period, he retake the area from Omakaan. after having destroyed all these noxious animals, and having restored peace and safety to the land. Radia Indarapatra married to Raina laot of Mimbalay in Maganding now "Masiu" bigoted a twin brother, Ayadiwata mokom of Kaadiong a Lupa (Rinamuntao) and Ayadiwata mokom of kialonod a ig (Rinayong)

M'ranao salsila start from the twin, Sharief Aulia arrived to the decendats of Diwata mokom in Bembaran and Ranao to introduced Islam, Thus the people of Lanao (Ranao) claim descent from Rajah Indarapatra, the first Malay Datu and native in Lanao who arrived on 1130 A.D.

I beg to disagree, that M'ranao tribe come from only at Iranun tribe, the truth is Iranaon people intermarriages with the Iraanun people and that is now the M'ranao, Irayan Buayan, Ilud Maguindanao and Iranun at this present days. Bilaaan, bagobo, manobo, kalagan and sangil were from this Mother tribe,

Iranaon are people of Ranao who migrated to Ragat area, Costal of illana bay, M'ranao or Maranao are people who dwelled around the lake Lanao, they belong to same genealogy, lineages, culture and history, based on the language used in the area, they are called Maranao in general.

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