

RECORDINGS OF BAT SOUNDS

INDONESIA – BALI

DOC-RBB5 France 1975

Grotte de Goa Lawah *

Bat Sounds – Recorded in Caves

Prod. Co: La Boite à Musique; Paris

Rec. Eng: François Jouffa, Oct. 1974

Liner Notes: Sylvie Meyer

Time: (LP) 0:41 & (CD) 0:43

1. LP: DEMONS ET MERVEILLES À BALI

Éditions AZ—BAM LD 5841

12" 33rpm (Sd 1 – Bd 4)

2. Reissue on CD: BALI (1999)

Playsound 141027 (Tk 6)

Notes: Sounds of the hundreds of thousands of

Roussette bats, which inhabit the Goa Lawah Cave in Bali. This lava tube cave is held sacred and a Buddhist shrine has been built inside its large entrance. It is located near the village of Goa Lawah, which is midway along the southeastern coast near Kusambe. Legend has it that the cave extends all the way to the base of Mt. Agung over 15 kilometers to the north, but the cave is actually only 20 meters long. The bat colony occupies the entrance room, hanging from the ceiling just inside. The over-powering smell coming from the cave is equaled by the power of the noise emitted by the bats there. Jouffa made the recording with a Nagra III tape recorder.

See also Jouffa's recording of an oriental bat piece under World Music – Thailand ([WD-TH3](#)).

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