

# ABOUT GI

Geographical Indications (GIs) are associated with the legacy of a product connected with a specific location having unique blend of nature, culture, tradition, and artisan. In India, there are several registered GIs and there are numerous GIs which are not yet registered officially, but are potential registerable GIs.

GI based on classes to Natural Goods, Food Stuff  
Manufactured Goods,  
Handicrafts or Agricultural Goods

GI based on uniqueness,  
weather, and terrain of the  
place of origin

Registered by the Authorized  
community of the GI

Economic empowerment to  
Artisans, Producers, and  
Manufacturers

700+ registered GIs and  
numerous unregistered GIs  
existence in India



Preservation of local Culture,  
Tradition, and Legacy

Legal Protection from  
unfair usage

GI Sign or symbol  
indicating Geographical  
Origin or location

Social Uplifting and  
continuing the  
Legacy of the Nation

Prevents counterfeiting and  
ensures genuineness of  
products

# PADAUK WOOD CRAFT OF ANDAMAN & NICOBAR

Andaman Padauk Wood Craft is a celebrated art form using locally sourced *Pterocarpus dalbergioides*, prized for its durability and rich reddish hue. Artisans create intricate home décor, toys, and carvings, including driftwood sculptures and traditional crossbows. The craft blends cultural heritage with eco-conscious practices, supporting local livelihoods. Exhibited in museums and sought by tourists, it reflects the islands' timeless artistry.

## UNIQUENESS

Andaman Padauk Wood Craft is unique for its use of richly colored, termite-resistant timber shaped into intricate art and utility items by skilled local artisans. Driftwood naturally sculpted by sea currents is transformed into vibrant carvings, reflecting island traditions. Its eco-friendly production and cultural symbolism make it a globally admired craft.

## RAW MATERIALS

Padauk Wood, Natural Paint and Polish, Putty

Price  
Approx.  
Rs. 1000 onwards

Class of Goods  
20

Proof of Origin  
Since 1880

No. of Families Involved  
Approx.  
more than 100s of families

Type of Goods  
Handicrafts

Geographical Location  
Nicobar Islands of  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands



## METHOD OF PRODUCTION

Padauk Wood Craft from the Andaman Islands begins with manually cutting and drying Padauk logs, followed by intricate hand carving using simple tools and paper patterns. The pieces are then sanded, polished, and assembled with precision to highlight the wood's natural beauty. Each item reflects collaborative craftsmanship and eco-conscious artistry.