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This paper describes the development, technical trials, and fishing trials of larger plank-built outrigger canoes in Nias Island, Sumatra, Indonesia. The outrigger canoes were constructed during 1989. The technical and fishing trials were conducted during 1989 and 1990 in three villages in Nias Island. The purpose of the trials was to assess the technical and economic feasibility of the new outrigger canoes and their acceptability to the fisherfolk.

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Fig. 1. The Project Area.

