

Sample Submission #3 – an excerpt from the *Saga of Sangor(u)*, a Black chief of Feridhoo island in Ari atoll (the Republic of the Maldives). This account offered by Adamu (and other direct descendants of Sangor) appears on pp. 890 - 921 in The Lore of the African Indian Ocean. The information contained within was collected and versified by Dr. Powe.

The Saga of Sangor
Marjaan and Bilalu
Will now be expounded.
My name is Adamu.

My mother was daughter
Of Mariyam Fulhu,
The Daughter of Ahmed
The son of Sangoru.

Sangor and the others
Were first brought to Male
From Mecca by Sultan
Hassanu el Haji,

To work as policemen
And safeguard the nation
From internal plotters
And foreign invasion.

These kinky-haired black men
Strong, red-eyed and tall,
By their very presence
Brought terror to all.

The nobles, who feared them,
Maligned them in vain;
For the Sultan's response was:
"The Blacks will remain!"