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Newsweek **Article: Race for Ruins : Malaysia's eastern waters are littered with the wrecks of ancient ships. Who will get their treasures?(Brief Article)**

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Sten Sjostrand is obsessed with wrecks. For the past nine years, the Swedish marine engineer has been scouring the waters off Malaysia's east coast for the wreckage of ancient trading ships. So far, he has uncovered seven vessels, ranging in age from the 14th-century Turiang to the Desaru, which dates to around 1830. He has not only hauled up valuable treasures but also has helped fuel a rising regional interest in just what is resting on Southeast Asia's sea beds.

Sjostrand and his team located the wreck of the Turiang--which appears to be of Chinese origin--in 43 meters of water, more than 100 nautical miles off the Malaysian coast. Although trawling nets had ...

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