

## While we're waiting for the logs...

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The balsa logs have been delayed for almost two weeks, but there are still lots of things to be done while waiting. Our building site is now established at the SIMA shipyard of the Peruvian Navy, and we live comfortable and safe at the Naval Academy in La Punta Callao. The Peruvian Navy is extremely helpful to us!



1400 m of sisal rope (for lack of hemp which has proved impossible to get here) has been purchased, and we have started making the more than 100 eye splices for connecting the logs. The making of "Little Tangaroa", now displayed at the Kon-Tiki Museum, provided us with experiences that really come in handy. Four Norwegian carpentry students, all trained within this school project, are here for a month to help building the raft. But even with good work hands, time is running fast.

In a few days' time we hope to have the main logs present, and then all other preparations ought to be done in order to make the most of the remaining building period. In addition to working on the ropes, we have found the mast materials we plan to use, and these are now being processed in a 14 m long turning lathe in SIMA. We have purchased all the things needed for the building process that wasn't already brought from Norway, and the only thing we still need are waterproof boxes and reed mats....And our logs and containers, of course.....



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