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Adventurer hits land after 20 days pedalling water

AN ADVENTURER yesterday finished the third leg of his trans-Pacific voyage in a 26ft wooden pedal boat – sailing unannounced into an island harbour.

Jason Lewis, 32, steered the £26,000 torpedo-shaped Moksha into the port of Auki on the Solomon island of Malaita after a 20-day journey.

Lewis, of Bridport, Dorset, and Chris Tipper, 34, from Brighton, arrived in darkness after pedalling 1,100 miles from Tarawa in the Kiribati Republic.

The voyage was the latest stage of Lewis's 35,000-mile human-powered Expedition 360 circumnavigation, which set off from London six years ago. Moksha headed for Malaita because of unrest on the neighbouring

island of Guadalcanal, the original destination about 40 miles away.

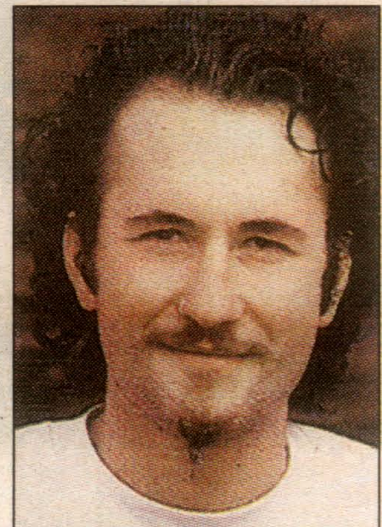
Efforts to contact Malaita as Moksha approached were unsuccessful.

Lewis said: 'It feels like a Robinson Crusoe skit. We are literally creeping in under the cover of darkness.'

'It is a wonderful feeling of not having the faintest clue about what you are getting yourself into – we do not even know how to say hello, we are going to suck it and see.'

Lewis has covered 5,500 miles of the Pacific. Still ahead lies a 1,200-mile voyage to Cairns in the state of Queensland, on Australia's East Coast.

The global trek is expected to take three to four more years.



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