



BOUG'ILES



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- **CRAFT/PROFESSION**

Sophie GRANADOS makes products using 100% natural materials: beeswax candles, soaps etc. She distils her own essential oils and uses a traditional cold saponification method to create her soaps. Sophie's products contain only pure, natural local ingredients: coconut oil, honey, beeswax, pollen, propolis, avocado pits or seeds, powdered sandalwood and various clays.

She also makes engraved bamboos, ideal for preserving vanilla beans. She soaks the bamboos in seawater and essential oils before leaving them to dry and decorating them using a pyro-engraving technique.

- **BACKGROUND**

Sophie is completely self-taught; she has experience in a number of areas and has mastered several skills. She is a beekeeper and trained with Ludovic Verfaille, himself a beekeeper in Lifou, to perfect her skills in soap making.

- **INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS**

Sophie Granados lives in Lifou and draws both her raw materials and her inspiration from the natural resources and beauties of her island: "I rely on nature to provide me with what I need" she admits. And nature has blessed Lifou with an abundance of riches!

