

2014

Crates, Blocks, and Mammals

Installation at Art Los Angeles Contemporary
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Installation View

David Brooks' precariously stacked compositions are determined by the amount of material needed to mimic the exact weight of the animals they depict—the most critically endangered mammals on Earth. These sculptures will outlive the species they reference, rendering them veritable monuments to the unknown, and the soon to be lost.

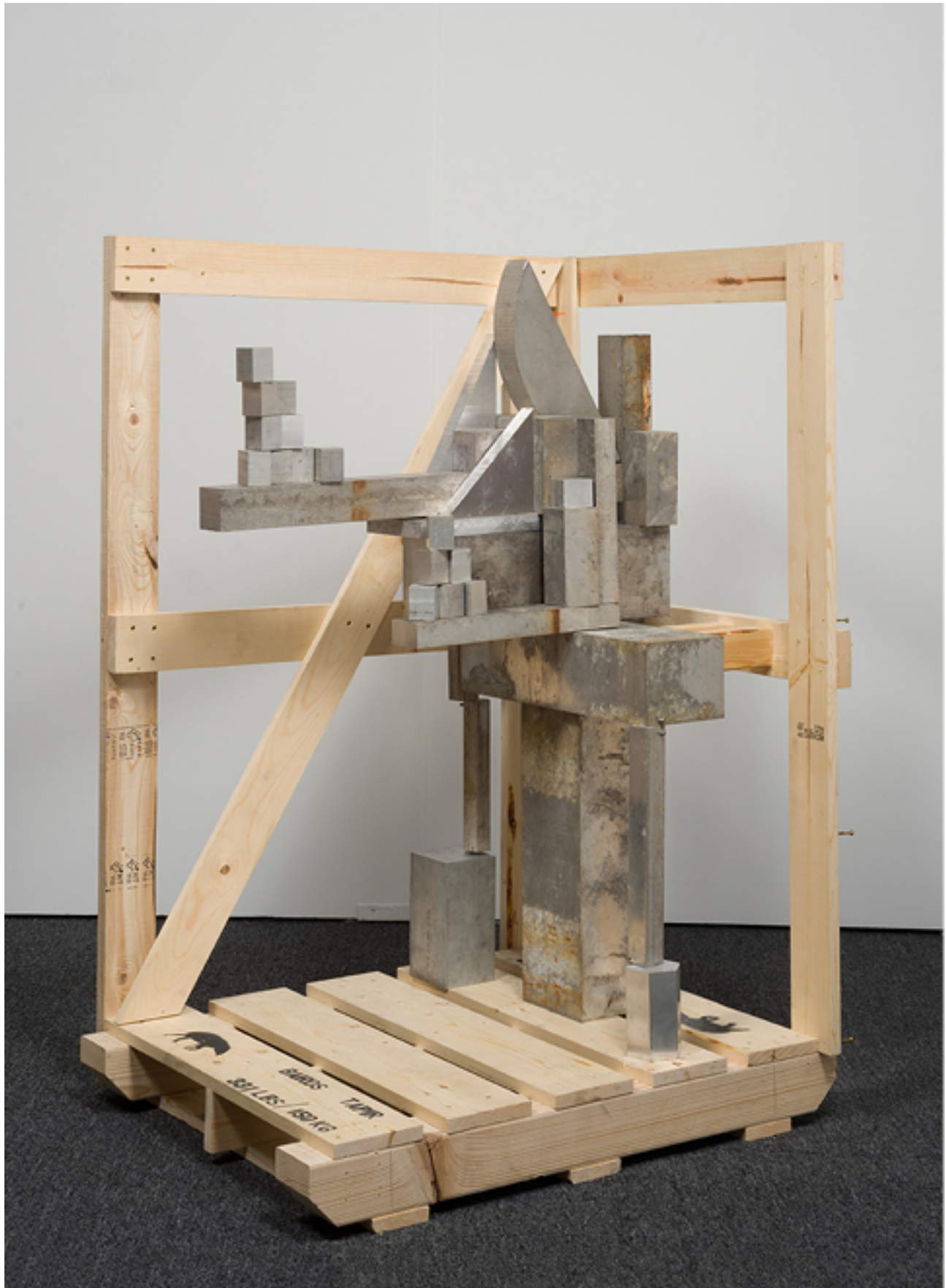
Like caged exotic animals on display—or readied for export—the sculptures are shown partially crated. The species name, average adult weight, and a graphic silhouette are stamped on the exterior of each crate.

The works rely on the crate as a support structure, as it provides a sense of balance and structural scaffold for the weighty materials it contains. This strain, between chaos and order, is ever present in Brooks' work, which speaks to the energy exerted in the ongoing maintenance of the human relationship with the natural world.

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Marble Blocks - 80lbs. - or Chacoan Peccary (Bolivia.) 2014
80 pounds of Danby marble, stainless steel pins, MDF + wood crate,
stencil paint, hardware, packing material. 27 x 33 x 18 inches



Aluminum Blocks - 331lbs. - or Baird's Tapir (Central and South America.)
2014. 331 pounds of aluminum, stainless steel pins, wood slat crate,
stencil paint, packing material, hardware. 54 x 36 x 30 inches



Details of:
Aluminum Blocks - 331lbs. - or Baird's Tapir (Central and South America.)



Marble Blocks - 70lbs. - or Hairy-nosed Wombat (Australia.) 2014
70 pounds of Verde Antique marble, stainless steel pins, wood crate,
stencil paint, Tyvek, hardware, packing material. 24 x 28 x 18 inches



Aluminum Blocks - 127lbs. - or Yangtze River Dolphin (China.) 2014
127 pounds of aluminum, stainless steel pins,
wood slat crate, stencil paint, hardware. 28 x 34 x 18 inches



Marble Blocks - 218lbs. - or Sumatran Orangutan (Indonesia.) 2014
218 pounds of Verde Antique marble, stainless steel pins, wood crate, stencil paint, Tyvek, hardware, packing material. 27 x 35 x 24 inches



Aluminum Blocks - 352lbs. - or Pygmy Hippopotamus (West Africa.) 2014
352 pounds of aluminum, stainless steel pins,
wood slat crate, stencil paint, hardware. 39 x 60 x 34 inches



Marble Blocks - 280lbs. - or South China Tiger (China.) 2014
280 pounds of Danby marble, stainless steel pins, MDO + wood crate, stencil paint, hardware, packing material. 30 x 54 x 25 inches