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Country Luzon Isld., Philippine Islands.

Locality Cagayan River., Kāgadyāñan.

People Ilongot. Stock.

Name Shield (kingōn). Narrow. Of light, soft wood. Outer surface coated with dark substance. Lower end squared. Upper end in three long anchor-like points. Handhold of shield proper.

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Width 15,7 cm. Length 129,6 cm. Height Price

Made of wood called tābigān. Reddened and smoothed in front with earth and beeswax. Splint and bejuca rattan sppporting middle prong. Left horn cracked and held with bejuca to the other. Shields carried by Ilongot warriors differ both in size and form from those used by any other tribe in Luzon. It has been asserted that these narrow shields have been developed because of the small, light, spears and arrows in use in this district, — but this explanation will not suffice for here, as elsewhere in Luzon. Shields which have been weakened by cracks or breaks are strengthened with cross lashings of rattan, while sheaved strings of the same vine, grass tassels, or leaf wrappings are commonly added to give decoration. The men carry these defensive weapons in their left hands, and with them are able to deflect arrows and spears directed at them by an enemy.