

# SEED CARVER'S OUTFIT

This instrument is used when carving the seeds known as "Job's tears" (*Coix lachryma*). It is placed in the palm of the left hand so that the thumb and forefinger can hold the seed when it is fitted into the top depression. A knife in the right hand of the operator is then worked over the seed, thus cutting the design into which the dirt is rubbed.

The decoration of this instrument, consisting of incised lines filled with lime, is rarely used in the Philippines, but is typical of the islands to the south.

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