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FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—ETHNOLOGY

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**Provenience:** Polynesia, Tonga, Vavau Island,  
Feletoa Village

**People or Culture:** Tongan

**Object:** WAIST MAT (TAUVALA)

**Material:** Pandanus strips, feathers, dyes, yarn

**Description:** Waist mat (tauvala) of plaited pandanus.  
Decorated with dyed feathers, colored yarn, cut  
fringe. Worn by Peter Notier at wedding in  
Feletoa, Vavau Island, Aug. 9, 1970.

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**Dimensions:** 71.0 x 145.0  
(in cm.)

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**Collection:** Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Notier,  
March 1980. Collected 1970.