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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY 50-5

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Provenience: Western Caroline Islands ; Palau

Field No.

People or Culture: Palauan

Object: mat back cover

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Material: pandanus fiber; cord of pandanus or
cheremall (Hibiscus tiliaceus) fiber**Description:**

Such mats were worn on the back by women who worked in the sun to protect their backs from the rays of the sun. It was attached to the neck of the wearer by a cord at top and/or bottom. Native name: areng¹or. See sketch on reverse.

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Dimensions:

(in cm.) length: ca. 57.0
width: 39.5

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