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Provenience: Western Caroline Islands ; Palau

Field No.

People or Culture: Palauan

Object: lime container

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Material: bamboo, wood, turtle shell from tail of shell

Description: Bamboo tube lime container and stopper of wood and laminated turtle shell used by high ranking chiefs. This specimen one of the few remaining in Palau today. Made by specialists and expensive. Purchased from a chief in his late 80's. Specimen dates to before Spanish

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Dimensions: times in Palau (pre-1885) (over)
(in cm.)

length: 56.2

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Collection: Presented by Roland W. Force; Collector, 1956. Tri-Institutional Pacific Program Ethnological Expedition to Palau, 1954-1956.

Sometimes the tube of bamboo was decorated by incising or pyrography. Price of item included both the price of the container and the price of the labor involved in its manufacture. Native name: tenget.

