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Provenience: Western Caroline Islands; Palau

Field No.

People or Culture: Palauan

Object: lime container

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Material: young coconut

Description: This artifact is still in style today in Palau. Many are polished, but the traditions hold that the aboriginal ones were unpolished like this specimen. Native name: blil a áos, (house or dwelling place of the lime). Lime was dispensed from the hole in the end of the nut and

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Dimensions:

(in cm.) length: 11.0

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

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used on betel quids. A nut of this young age is called chacháu, (empty) since it has not yet developed any meat. The stopper is made of wood called cheludech which is not native to Palau but which floats in on the tide. When in position the stopper is called tinget (plug). The same kind of nut is used as a purse instead of a lime container by some. (See 252563)



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