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Provenience: Western Caroline Islands; Palau

Field No.

People or Culture: Palauan

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Object: comb for weaving materials

Material: wood and metal

Description: This kind of comb was used by the women of Palau for shredding the leaves of sosol plant (similar to turmeric plant which is called kesol) which was used for womens' skirts. The leaves of pandanus and a taro patch weed which were employed in weaving were also so shredded. Fish bones

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Dimensions: (over)
(in cm.) length: 17.0

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were used as teeth for the combs before the introduction of metal. Native name: taud. Same term used for fork or for multiple pronged fish spear.