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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY

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Provenience: Western Caroline Islands ; Palau

Field No.

People or Culture: Palauan

Object: baby blanket (mat)

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Material: pandanus fiber

Description: Such a mat was used by mothers to cover or wrap an infant. It was also used as a gift to a new mother if one wished to adopt her child. Food and/or such a mat would be presented to the new mother and the meaning was that the giver wished to adopt her child. Such gifts

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Dimensions: were called heleias. The mat is
 (in cm.) length: 67.0 (over)
 width: 48.0

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

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called chedechól era ngálek (child's mat)

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