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Provenience: Micronesia, Caroline Islands, Yap Island

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People or Culture: Yapese**Object:** SHELL MONEY (BOTHA A YAR)**Material:** Black lipped pearl shell (Meleagrina margaritifera); cowries (Cypraera sp.), plant fiber**Description:** Several lengths of thick coarse cord bound together. One end has a long loop for carrying. 17 segments varying in size of black lipped pearl shell. Attached to thickest length of cord are 10 cowrie shells.
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Dimensions: Cord L: 472cm; Max Shell L: 15cm; W: 7cm
(in cm.)

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Collection: Gift of William and Susan Toelkes, 1992