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Provenience: Western Caroline Islands; Palau**Field No.****People or Culture:** Palauan**Object:** comb

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Material: wood, shell, turtle shell

Description: Teeth of the comb are made of roué (root of a variety of mangrove tree). Handle consists of a series of pieces of laminated turtle shell and some pearl shell (white). Formerly such combs were worn by men of high family connection. It was a symbol of status. Hair was

Neg. No.

Dimensions: worn long and kept in place with such
(in cm.) (over)

length: 33.5

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

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combs. Others, such as **252570**, were of simpler manufacture.
Native name: general term for comb....osónd
specific term for this type...elseiches.

