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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: mortar for betel-nut

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Material: wood

Description: This artifact was given the collector by the chief of Ngerechelong municipality and it dates back to Spanish times before the turn of the century. The mortar was used in the preparation of betel-nut by elders who lacked teeth. The patina on the wood is from the oils of the betel

Neg. No.

Dimensions:

(in cm.)

height: 8.0

(over)

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

quid and saliva, as well as, the polish of innumerable
handlings with one-too-clean hands. Native name:
orusech el redil (female part of combination). The
pestle is called orusech el sachal (male part of combina-
tion). See 252486.

