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

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Material: native grown tobacco wrapped in vine

Description: The tobacco grown in Palau is wrapped in a tight package and then allowed to be smoked in the kitchen from the fire for one year before using. The shape of the bundle is like a spindle.

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Native name: ngimes. This term refers to a sea slug (trepang) which is similar in shape to the

Dimensions: (in cm.) length: 53.3 (over)

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packaged tobacco. A bundle this size sells for \$4.00 today.