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Provenience: Africa Kenya

People or Culture: Kamba Location Machakos Market

Object: Fly whisk

Material: Metal, cow's tail

Description: Fly whisk was made by fitting a cow's tail over an old crooked umbrella handle. Men will carry fly whisks usually on ceremonial occasions. President Kenyatta often carries one. At times whisks are carried by young men at dances. Handle is of worn plated metal and the cow's tail is wavy and of a light tan color.

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Dimensions: Length 79 cm. Handle diam. 2.25 cm.
(in cm.)

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Collection: Field Museum of Natural History Purchase 1974
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