

## FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—ETHNOLOGY

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**Provenience:** West Africa, Nigeria, Beaded by the Adeshina Family

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**People or Culture:** Yoruba

**Object:** Beaded sheath for iron staff

**Material:** Cloth, fiber, beads (blue, red, yellow, black)

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**Description:** Beaded sheath "ewu" for the iron staff, symbol of orisha Oko, god of the farm. Birds and geometric designs associated with royalty and orisha, face at top of sheath marks the head of the priestess of Orisha Okoko. Elongated rectangular shape, beaded on one side only. Four pair of diamond shaped projections along edges. Black metal exhibition base with metal rod inside of sheath.

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**Dimensions:**

(in cm.) H.=37.2; W.=21.2; D.=5.4

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**Collection:** Gift of Deborah and Jeffrey Hammer,  
Ex-collection Hammer 28; Beadwork, Pace Gallery Catalog,  
New York