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Provenience: Kenya Culture Prov. Lorugumu**People or Culture:** Turkana**Object:** Pubic apron (Esiya)**Material:** Leather, beads

Description: Short, lightweight apron is worn by unmarried girls. Skins are soaked, scraped free of hair, and softened with fat. Apron flairs at the bottom and ties around the waist with a leather thong. Decoration is of short horizontal strings of 4 or 5 beads sewn to give a vertical striped effect. Beads alternate red and white, and blue and white. Edges have a double row of larger white, yellow, black, and red beads.

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Dimensions: Length 25.7 Max Width 19.5 cm
(in cm.)

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Collection: Field Museum of Natural History Purchase 1974
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