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Provenience: Africa Kenya

People or Culture: Kamba location Ngomeni

Object: Honey-bag (Ithwatwa)

Material: Leather

Description: Bag is made of cowhide or goat skin. Single piece is folded double, the edges folded to the outside and stitched together. Sewing is done by piercing the leather with an awl and insert in a leather thong. Two small leather loops are at each side for a carrying strap. Leather at the opening is folded to the outside and sewn. Smaller at the top than the bottom. Color dark tan. Men use animal dung fire for smoking bees. Kamba collect

Dimensions: wild honey and cultivate their own hives.

(in cm.) Height 62.75 cm. Max width 53.25 cm.

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