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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY 21-11

Field No.

Provenience: Nigeria: Bornu Province

People or Culture: Kanuri

Object: linguaphone ("jew's harp")

Material: grass stalk: millet? sorghum?

Description: a length of stalk split on its long axis; at one end the pith has been cut out in a rectangular trough which opens to the other side through a slit; the epidermis of the stalk over the slit has been cut loose in a narrow strip which extends beyond the cut end of the stalk: this acts as the tongue and plays over the excavation in the cut side; the player sings into excavation as he flicks the tongue.

Dimensions:

(in cm.) Length: 19.8; width: 1.2.

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