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## FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—ETHNOLOGY

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**Provenience:** Mato Grosso, Brazil, Aldeia Camararé,  
Rio Camararé

**People or Culture:** Nambiquara Indians, kithauhlú band

**Object:** cord with interlocked slip knots

**Material:** fiber of Astrocaryum arenarium

**Description:** A piece of tucum fiber bow string, made into a series of interlocked slip knots, like a single row of crochet stitches. When a woman is about to give birth, her husband makes such a string, and she then pulls the knots out. It is believed that this will help the baby to come out easily, like the knots.

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**Dimensions:** 57  
(in cm.)

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**Collection:**

P. David Price, collector, 1968-1969

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