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

People or Culture: Nambiquara Indians, kithauhlú band

Object: headpiece

Material: jaguaterica skin (F. wiedi?)

Description: This headpiece is made by forming the skin into a rectangle by removing the leg areas, and then folding the skin in the middle and sewing together the side opposite the fold and one of the other sides. The tail is left on, and a small piece of left-over skin hangs by a string from the base of the tail. Formerly used extensively by shamans, this headpiece may be made of either jaguaterica or jaguar (F. onza) skin. This specimen was made especially for the collector, and is a bit small for the average Nambiquara

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Dimensions:
(in cm.)

head. 22 X 25, excluding tail

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Collection: P. David Price, collector, 1968-1969

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