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Provenience: Papua New Guinea, East Sepik Province, Wewak District, **Wewak (town)**, Windjammer Hotel

People: Pagwi people

Object: Shell Ring

Material: TRIDACNA Shell, bark fiber

Description: Large tridacna shell ring, purchased from Mrs. Yuwana, a young woman originally from Pagwi, who was selling it at the Windjammer Hotel. Made of Tridacna shell that came from the reefs along the north coast. Bored and ground in the Yangoru area by Boike people and used for some time as a brideprice valuable. Yuwana got it from a woman friend of hers from the Angoram area. Has a bark fiber cord. The explanation came from Mr. Leni of Tambanam village who

Dimensions:

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said it was for bride pride.