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**Provenience:** Mato Grosso, Brazil; Aldeia Serra Azul,  
headwaters of Rio Juina

**People or Culture:** Nambiquara Indians, halót'ésú band

**Object:** food mat

**Material:** buriti (Mauritia flexuosa, L.) leaf

**Description:** The leaflets radiating from the petiole form the warp, acrost which is woven, in an endless zig-zag, a woof of the same kind of leaflets. At the end of the mat opposite the petiole, the warp leaflets are doubled over and woven back into the woof in the same sense as their standing ends. The mat was found in the house of João Halót'ésú and acquired by the collector. Other villagers subsequently told him that such food mats are not traditional, and that this piece is the unique

**Dimensions:** invention of João.  
(in cm.)

93 X 19

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

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