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Provenience: BRAZIL Tapirapé, Rio Araguaia

People or Culture: Caraja

Object: Aruana dance mask

Material: Palm fiber, woody grass, feathers, cloth, gum, string

Description: 2 parts of an Aruana (mask cult) dance mask (A) Headdress: sturdy woody grass or palm frame; lower part covered with long palm fiber fringe, upper surmounted with a column of slender woody grass uprights

decorated with black cloth band, red & blue feather Neg. No. stripes stuck on with black gum, and white string. Dimensions: 3 adjacent rows of feather trailers run HEADORESS(A): HT. 93.5 the length of the column. 2 outer rows

SKIRT (B): L. (MAX) 67 (over) DIAM. OF BRIM, 36.5 W. 197

Collection: purchased from Borys Malkin, collector 6 October 1961 Collected 1960-61.

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clipped, vari-colored but mosly pink; center row, speckled brown or blue with yellow backs. At top uprights divided into 2 "horns", cloth and string wrapped, with vari-color feather pendants at the tips.

(B) Cape or skirt of palm leaf fiber strung on a braided palm cord.

Made by men for men's use.

