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Provenience: Africa Kenya

Field No.

People or Culture: Kamba Location machakas market

Object: Rope (makonge?)

Material: Sisal fibre

Description: The broad leaf of the Sansevieria plant (Liliaceae) called Kirku-mkonge, is broken apart and the fibres are pulled out a few at a time and rolled between the palms. More fibres are added to form a continuous string and then plaited to form a flat rope, tapered to nothing at one end. New rope wound into a ball is purchased from the market. Nearly white.

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Dimensions: Length 4.9 m. Width 3 cm. Thickness 3-4 mm.  
(in cm.)

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Collection: Field Museum of Natural History Purchase 1974  
Collected by Mrs. Ann Prewitt 1972

