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Field No.

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Provenience: Africa Kenya

People or Culture: Kamba Location machakos market

Object: Rope (makonge)

Material: Sisal fibre

Description: The broad leaf of the Sansevieria plant (Liliceae) 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. Color light tan.

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Dimensions: Length 5.27 m. Width 2.25 cm. Thickness 2-3cm
(in cm.)

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

