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Provenience: Africa Kenya**People or Culture:** Kamba Machakos market**Object:** String**Material:** sisal fibre

Description: The broad leaf of the Sansevieria (Liliaceae) plant, 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. Two of these are twisted together to form a string. Ball of string was bought new from the machakos market. Used for many purposes. Nearly white in color.

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Dimensions: Length 14.25 m. Width 2 mm.
(in cm.)

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Collection: Field Museum of Natural History Purchase 1974
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