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Provenience: Kenya Culture Prov. Lorugumu**People or Culture:** Turkana**Object:** Lip plug (Ekeli)**Material:** Ivory, Wood

Description: Elephant ivory lip plug. Thick polished disc with convex sides and a slightly concave edge. A hole in the edge holds a whittled wooden peg with one end flared. Peg fits through the lip to hold plug in place. Two holes in the sides possibly to stop split. Made and worn by men. Formerly a sign of courage for killing the elephant. Becoming rare.

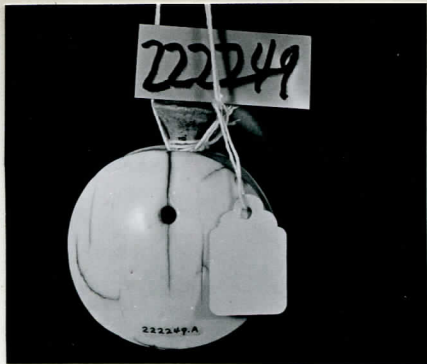
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Dimensions: Diam. 5.7 cm. Thickness 3.1 cm.
(in cm.)

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Collection: Field Museum of Natural History Purchase 1974
Collected by Mrs. Ann Prewitt 1973



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