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Provenience: Kenya

Field No.

People or Culture: Turkana

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Object: Necklace (ngikerion)

Material: Rhizome pieces, fibre string

Description: String of 30 pieces of dark brown knobs cut from rhizomes strung on twisted duom palm fibre string. Skin has been pared in patches. The root is thought to have a pleasant odor, to ward off snakes, to protect when powdered or chewed, from animals. As a tea, it is thought to cure aches and pains and to be an aphrodisiac.

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Dimensions: Length of string 92.5 cm. Bead section 48 cm.
(in cm.) Bead Diam 2 cm

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

