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**Provenience:** Kenya Culture Province Lorugumu**People or Culture:** Turkana**Object:** Wedding necklace (nyakagan or plagama)**Material:** Copper, fibre, leather, shell

**Description:** Thick hammered copper wire is bent into a circle with the ends recurved to form hooks tied together with sisal string. Achatina shell is tied to the front with a leather tie. Necklace indicates woman is married to a Leopard (nyerisai), one of two generation groups. Her son will be a Stone and his son again a Leopard. Metals used by Leopards usually yellow. Shell is a charm against misfortune.

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**Dimensions:** (in cm.) Diam 18.6 Shell L 5.3 W 3.6

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

