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Object: Necklace (mafuo)

Material: Conus shell, sticks, yarn, string

Description: Round, rigid necklace made of three sticks

closely with black fibre string. Seven discs of conus shell (ivuo) were made by grinding the shell with stone and water. Holes were drilled and the discs were bound tightly to the necklace with dark blue string. One end was wrapped with the same string and one end with black yarn. A wire loop and hook forms the closing. Worn by

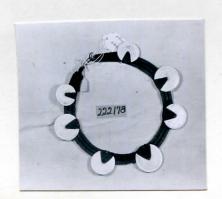
bent into cocentric circles when wet and bound together

Dimensions: girls and women every day and for dancing.

Diameter 25.5 cm.

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