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FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—ETHNOLOGY

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Provenience:

Melanesia, Irian Jaya, Asmat area,

Field No.

People or Culture:

Atsj Village

Asmat

shield (Gembis)

Object: shield (Gembis)

Material: wood, native paints

Neg. No.

Description: Shield straight across top, wider near middle, tapers to bottom. Deeply incised. Center vertical design of 11 diamonds outlined in black with alternating backgrounds of white in smaller diamonds, red ochre in larger. Side motif of hooked spirals in red ochre on white background. Handle on back. Design is Fatep wo "Tail of Kuskus."

Dimensions:
(in cm.)

H: 170cm W: 49cm

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Collection: Purchased from Penny Fairchild, Yayasan Foundation, 1991