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Provenience: Africa Kenya

People or Culture: Kamba location Ngomeni

Object: Dancing whistle (bilingi)

Material: Reed, sisal string, beads

Description: Natural colored, two-reed whistle bound together at each end and plugged with black gum at one end. It has roughly rectangular sounding holes. A single strand of red, white, and blue beads forms a sling for around the neck. Used for dancing. There is a constant shout, punctuating blasts of the whistle while dancing to a drum beat.

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Dimensions: Width 1.5 cm. Reed lengths 8 and 9 cms.
(in cm.)

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Collection: Field Museum of Natural History Purchase 1974
Collected by Mrs. Ann Prewitt 1972

