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**Provenience:** Papua New Guinea, East Sepik Province, Ambunti District, Biaga Village. (First village up the

Field No.

**People or Culture:** Wogamus River)

Wogamus language (Upper Sepik River Culture Area).

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**Object:**

lime spatula (ngis).

**Material:**

cassowary bone.

**Description:** Long narrow lime spatula intended for use with a bamboo or gourd lime container. A simple design was roughly incised into the shaft of the spatula near the handle (the knuckle). The handle has six holes in it.

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**Dimensions:** L: 37.0cm W: 4.7cm Thickness: 1.0cm  
(in cm.)

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**Collection:** Robert L. Welsch, Collector. FMNH 1992  
Sepik River Tour aboard Melanesian Discoverer, Jan.1992