



## Currency (Talipun)

### Date

mid 20th Century

### Medium

Lygodium vine fiber, paint and cassowary feather

### Description

Talipun are one of the oldest forms of currency in New Guinea. Combining a giant green snail shell, and typically a woven representation of an ancestral face, then pigmented and accentuated with cassowary feathers, the currency is exchanged as bride price in conjunction with other valuables.

### Dimensions

19 × 9 × 3 in. (48.3 × 22.9 × 7.6 cm)