

# Basic Detail Report

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## Currency (Yua)

**Date**

20th Century

**Primary Maker**

Yangoru Boiken

**Medium**

Clam shell

**Description**

This piece of shell currency comes from the Bukie or Yangoru people residing in the Prince Alexander Mountains of the East Sepik Province in Papua New Guinea, and it dates to the 20th century. Rings made from the shell of the giant clam are traded widely throughout parts of New Guinea and its immediate islands. The inland areas of New Guinea especially value these large clam shells traded from the coast. The notches on the outside of the ring are intentionally carved and reference the beak of the hornbill bird.

**Dimensions**

10 3/4 × 9 3/4 in. (27.3 × 24.8 cm)