



Chest Ornament Currency

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Lumi

Medium

Wood, fiber, ovula and cowrie shell

Description

This object can be used as shell currency or a pectoral ornament. It comes from the Lumi people residing in the Torricelli Moutains of Sandaun Province in Northwestern Papua New Guinea, and it dates to the 20th century. Ornamentation is an important part of every man and woman's appearance, with various elements of nature being incorporated into decoration.

Dimensions

11 1/4 × 11 1/4 in. (28.6 × 28.6 cm)