



## Currency (Wafu)

### Date

early 20th Century

### Primary Maker

Lumi

### Medium

Plant fiber and nassa shell

### Description

The shell currencies of the Lumi area in the Torricelli Mountains are called "wafu". This is an excellent example with a beautiful overall shape, a full complement of nassa shells and a back showing real age and field use. Wafu were used for a number of transactions requiring the exchange of valuables such as bride price, death compensation and the buying of pigs.

### Dimensions

24 1/2 × 15 1/4 × 1/2 in. (62.2 × 38.7 × 1.3 cm)