



## Currency (Talipun)

### Date

mid 20th Century

### Primary Maker

Yangoru Boiken

### Medium

Turbo Marmoratus shell, cane, wood, pigment 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

23 × 18 × 14 in. (58.4 × 45.7 × 35.6 cm)