



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)