

Basic Detail Report



Bracelet

Medium

Giant Clam (*Tridacna gigas*) shell

Description

Sculpted from the Giant Clam (*Tridacna gigas*) with stone tools, the *töla gasa* (metal or shell bracelet) is grooved, decorated with a ridge and worn on the right wrist by Nias men. The undecorated ones are reserved for the Karo

Batak. The Giant Clam, considered to be a valuable adornment, is one of the largest arm bands. It can be identified by their density and translucent appearance, resembling fine alabaster (Cutsem).

Dimensions

3 11/16 × 2 1/2 in. (9.3 × 6.4 cm)