



Necklace Currency

Date

mid 19th to early 20th Century

Medium

Shell and plant fiber

Description

Adornments, particularly those made with shells or parts of shells are frequently worn throughout Papua New Guinea. Shells, including those used in adornment items, were sometimes used for currency or trade items. As such, shell adornments are symbols of their wearer's wealth and status.

Dimensions

18 3/4 × 6 3/4 × 1 in. (47.6 × 17.1 × 2.5 cm)