

Basic Detail Report



Bracelet

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Naga

Medium

Conch shell

Description

This is a conch shell bracelet likely made during the 20th Century in South Asia. Photographs and a wealth of similar objects show that extremely similar objects were

worn by Naga women as bracelets, though there is little information on the usage in Nagaland except a more general note that the role of ornamentation is paramount within Naga culture. Many adornments are considered extensions on the human body and as such their usage by different social classes and genders are highly regulated. More research is pending, but per information from the donor this object was acquired in Tibet. An armband in this donation with either Tibetan or Chinese script on it supports this claim, though as of yet no similar objects from Tibet have been discovered.

Dimensions

4 1/2 × 3 3/4 × 4 in. (11.4 × 9.5 × 10.2 cm)