

QUIPU AS104/N11

Museum identification: No. VA42527 (Museum für Völkerkunde, Berlin)

Main cord: color LB:W

- § 3.5 cm: group of 7 pendant cords (1-7), then space of 1.0 cm.
 6.0 cm: group of 4 pendant cords (8-11), then space of 0.5 cm.
 7.5 cm: group of 5 pendant cords (12-16), then space of 0.5 cm.
 9.0 cm: group of 5 pendant cords (17-21), then space of 52.0 cm.
 62.0 cm: end ç

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
1	3s(9.0);2s(15.0);8s(21.5);5L(29.5)	83.0ç	W	3285	
2	3s(4.5);4s(10.5);1s(15.5);6s(22.0); 7L(29.0)	70.0ç	W	34167	
3	3s(4.5);5s(10.5);5s(16.5);7s(23.5); 7L(30.5)	40.5ç	W	35577	
4	2s(5.0);5s(11.5);4s(17.0);1s(23.0); 9L(31.0)	45.5ç	W	25419	
5	3s(5.0);7s(11.5);7s(22.5);6L(29.5)	56.0ç	W	37076	
6	2s(4.5);1s(16.0);1s(21.0);9L(29.0)	64.0ç	W	20119	
7	1s(5.0);8s(11.5);3s(17.0);7s(23.0); 9L(30.0)	40.5ç	W	18379	
8	2s(11.0);7L(26.5)	81.0ç	W	2007	
9	2s(11.5);8s(23.5)	68.5ç	W	2080	
10	3s(11.5);1s(17.5);2L(29.0)	65.5ç	W	3102	

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
11	2s(11.5);2s(18.0);4s(25.5);7L(30.5)	53.0	W	2247	
12	2s(11.5);5s(18.5);7s(25.5);8L(31.5)	54.5ç	W	2578	
13	2s(12.0);1s(24.5);6L(31.0)	66.0	W	2016	
14	3s(12.5);4s(19.5);1s(25.5);9L(31.0)	64.5	W	3419	
15	3s(11.5);1s(17.5);5s(24.0);9L(29.0)	56.5ç	W	3159	
16	1s(11.5);4s(18.0);7L(28.0)	64.5ç	W	1407	
17	2s(11.0);1s(17.0);7s(24.0);8L(30.0)	56.0ç	W	2178	
18	2s(11.5);8s(23.5);5L(30.5)	62.0ç	W	2085	
19	2s(12.0);3s(18.0);2s(24.0);9L(30.0)	59.5ç	W	2329	
20	1s(11.0);3s(17.0);8s(23.5);5L(31.5)	43.5	W	1385	
21	1s(11.5);5s(17.0);1E(29.0)	65.5ç	W	1501	

Observations

1. This is one of several quipus acquired by the Museum in 1907 with provenance Pachacamac. For a list of the others, see AS97.
2. This quipu is also discussed by Nordenskiöld (see Introduction).
3. The values on the pendants in the first group differ, in order of magnitude, from the pendants in the other 3 groups. With one exception, the values in group 1 are 18000-37000, while the values in groups 2-4 are 1300-3400.
4. Some values in the first group and some values in the first position of later groups are related to other values by additive multiples of 100. Specifically,

$$P_{14} = P_{16} + 5300 = P_{33} + 22000$$

$$P_{16} = P_{33} + 16700$$

$$P_{11} = P_{42} + 1200 = P_{44} + 1900$$

$$P_{21} = P_{35} + 600$$

$$P_{31} = P_{41} + 400$$