

QUIPU AS108

Museum identification: No. VA16143 (Museum Für Völkerkunde, Berlin)

Main cord: color MB:LB:W

- § 2.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (1-2), then space of 0.5 cm.
 3.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (3-4), then space of 0.5 cm.
 4.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (5-6), then space of 0.5 cm.
 5.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (7-8), then space of 0.5 cm.
 6.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (9-10), then space of 0.5 cm.
 7.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (11-12), then space of 0.5 cm.
 8.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (13-14), then space of 0.5 cm.
 9.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (15-16), then space of 0.5 cm.
 10.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (17-18), then space of 0.5 cm.
 11.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (19-20), then space of 0.5 cm.
 12.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (21-22), then space of 0.5 cm.
 13.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (23-24), then space of 0.5 cm.
 14.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (25-26), then space of 0.5 cm.
 15.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (27-28), then space of 0.5 cm.
 16.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (29-30), then space of 0.5 cm.
 17.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (31-32), then space of 0.5 cm.
 18.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (33-34), then space of 15.0 cm.
 33.5 cm: end ç

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
1	2L(10.0)	28.5ç	W	2	1:0.5
1s1	3L(10.0)	26.5ç	W	3	

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
2	4L(11.0)	25.0¢	LB	4	1:0.5
2s1	1E(11.0)	32.0¢	W/MB(18.0/ 32.0)	1	
3	3L(11.5)	28.0¢	W	3	1:0.5
3s1	1E(10.0)	33.0¢	W/MB(20.0/ 33.0)	1	
4	--	30.0¢	LB	0	
5	4L(11.5)	27.0¢	W	4	
6	--	29.5¢	LB	0	
7	3L(11.0)	28.0¢	W	3	
8	3L(10.5)	26.0¢	LB	3	
9	1E(11.0)	32.5¢	W	1	
10	3L(11.5)	24.5¢	LB	3	
11	5L(11.5)	19.5¢	W	5	1:0.5
11s1	5L(10.5)	22.0¢	MB/W(10.5/ 22.0)	5	1:0.5
11s1s1	1E(9.5)	23.0¢	LB	1	
12	--	29.0¢	LB	0	
13	1s(5.5);7L(11.0)	25.5¢	W	17	
14	--	28.5¢	LB	0	
15	1E(11.0)	28.0¢	W	1	2:0.0-0.5
15s1	5L(11.0)	21.5¢	W	5	
15s2	3L(10.5)	28.5¢	LB	3	
16	5L(11.5)	23.5¢	LB	5	
17	1E(12.0)	27.0¢	W	1	

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
18	3L(11.5)	25.5¢	LB	3	
19	1E(12.0)	31.5¢	W	1	
20	2L(12.0)	25.0¢	LB	2	
21	2L(12.0)	23.0¢	W	2	
22	--	29.0¢	LB	0	
23	--	30.5¢	W	0	
24	2L(11.0)	26.0¢	LB	2	
25	--	32.5¢	W	0	
26	2L(10.5)	28.5¢	LB	2	
27	3L(10.0)	28.5¢	W	3	1:0.5
27s1	1E(10.0)	21.5¢	W/MB(14.5/ 21.5)	1	
28	--	29.0¢	LB	0	
29	1E(9.0)	31.0¢	W	1	
30	3L(9.5)	26.0¢	LB	3	
31	1E(10.0)	28.5¢	W	1	
32	--	29.5¢	LB	0	
33	--	33.0¢	W	0	
34	--	29.5¢	LB	0	

Observations

1. This quipu is one of several acquired by the Museum in 1904 with provenance between Ica and Pisco. For a discussion of them, see AS98.
2. By spacing, there are 17 pairs of pendants. In each pair, the first is W and the second LB.
3. The values on the pendants and subsidiaries are all 0-5 with 1 exception. The exception is a value of 17.
4. The number 17 is prominent on this quipu. There are 17 pairs of pendants; the value 17 is the exception to the range of values; prior to the value 17 (on pendant 13), there are a total of 17 pendant and subsidiary cords; and after the value 17 (on pendant 13), the sum of the values on the second pendant in each pair is 17.