

QUIPU AS172

Museum identification: No. VA42560 (Museum für Völkerkunde, Berlin)

Main cord: color 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 1.5 cm.
 5.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (5-6), then space of 0.5 cm.
 6.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (7-8), then space of 1.5 cm.
 8.0 cm: group of 5 pendant cords (9-13), then space of 1.5 cm.
 11.0 cm: group of 5 pendant cords (14-18), then space of 2.5 cm.
 15.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (19-20), then space of 32.0 cm.
 47.5 cm: group of 3 pendant cords (21-23), then space of 1.0 cm.
 49.0 cm: pendant cord (24), then space of 0.5 cm.
 49.5 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (25-26), then space of 2.0 cm.
 52.0 cm: group of 5 pendant cords (27-31), then space of 0.5 cm.
 53.5 cm: pendant cord (32), then space of 1.0 cm.
 54.5 cm: end ç

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
1	1s(5.5);4s(12.0);4s(18.0);3s(25.0)	36.0ç	W	14430	
2	2s(5.5);3s(11.5);5s(18.0)	39.0ç	MB	23500	
3	4s(16.5)	37.0ç	W	400	
4	6s(16.5)	55.0ç	MB	600	
5	1s(9.5);2s(15.5);1s(21.0)	42.0ç	W	1210	1:3.5
5s1	1s(4.5);8s(11.0);1s(17.0);1E(22.0)	28.5ç	MB	1811	

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6	1s(9.5);1s(15.0);1s(21.0)	37.0¢	W	1110	1:3.5
6s1	1s(5.0);8s(11.0);1s(17.0);1E(21.5)	37.5¢	MB	1811	
7	1s(8.5);2s(14.5)	45.0¢	W	1200	1:3.5
7s1	1s(5.5);7s(11.5);1s(17.5)	37.0¢	MB	1710	
8	8s(16.0);2s(20.5)	27.5¢	W	820	1:3.0
8s1	1s(6.5);6s(12.5);2s(19.0)	36.0¢	MB	1620	
9	8s(14.5);2s(20.5)	31.0¢	W	820	1:3.0
9s1	1s(5.0);9s(11.5);1s(18.5)	56.5¢	MB	1910	
10	1s(8.5)	36.5¢	W	1000	1:3.5
10s1	1s(5.0);7s(11.0);1s(18.0)	46.5¢	MB	1710	
11	1s(8.5)	37.0¢	W	1000	1:3.5
11s1	1s(4.0);5s(11.0);1s(16.5)	38.0¢	MB	1510	
12	9s(16.0);2s(22.0)	34.5¢	W	920	1:4.0
12s1	2s(4.5);1s(11.5);1s(18.5)	41.5¢	MB	2110	
13	4s(15.5)	35.5¢	W	400	1:4.0
13s1	1s(4.5);2s(11.0)	38.0¢	MB	1200	
14	6s(15.0);2s(20.5)	39.5¢	W	620	1:4.5
14s1	1s(3.5);6s(10.0)	35.5¢	MB	1600	
15	6s(14.5);2s(19.5)	30.5¢	W	620	1:4.5
15s1	1s(3.5);4s(9.5)	35.5¢	MB	1400	
16	9s(15.5);2s(21.5)	31.5¢	W	920	1:4.0
16s1	2s(4.5);1s(10.5);1s(16.0)	37.0¢	MB	2110	
17	5s(15.5)	34.0¢	W	500	1:3.0
17s1	1s(5.0);5s(11.5)	42.0¢	MB	1500	

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18	5s(15.0)	40.0¢	W	500	1:3.0
18s1	1s(5.0);4s(10.5)	34.0¢	MB	1400	
19	2s(12.5)	42.5¢	W	200	1:2.5
19s1	3s(10.0)	37.5¢	MB	300	
20	2s(13.5)	41.5¢	W/MB-W/W (30.5/34.0/ 41.5)	200	1:3.0
20s1	3s(9.5)	38.5¢	MB	300	
21	2s(15.5)	50.5¢	W	20	
22	1s(15.0)	47.0¢	W	10	
23	1s(14.0)	52.0¢	W	10	
24	4L(20.0)	52.5¢	W	4	2:0.0-0.5
24s1	1s(15.5);2L(22.0)	50.5¢	MB	12	
24s2	5L(19.0)	36.0¢	DB:MB:BS	5	2:0.5-1.5
24s2s1	1E(17.5)	46.0¢	DB:W	1	
24s2s2	1E(18.5)	43.0	DB:W	1	1:1.0
24s2s2s1	2s(11.0)	11.5b	DB	(2+)?	
25	--	61.0¢	GG:W/W (9.5/61.0)	0	1:0.5
25s1	1s(15.0);2L(21.0)	43.0¢	BG:W	12	
26	2s(15.5);9L(22.5)	44.5¢	MB	29	
27	3s(16.5)	45.5¢	W	30	1:0.5
27s1	3L(24.0)	46.0¢	W	3	
28	5L(23.5)	50.0¢	DB:MB	5	1:1.0
28s1	1E(21.0)	50.5¢	W	1	

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29	3L(22.5)	43.5ç	MB-W	3	
30	2s(15.0)	29.5b	DB:MB	20	1:1.0
30s1	4L(20.0)	60.0ç	W	4	1:1.0
30s1s1	--	0.5	DB	?	
31	5L(21.0)	51.0ç	W	5	1:0.5
31s1	1s(14.5);1E(21.5)	36.5ç	DB:W	11	
32	7L(19.0);1E(20.5)	31.5ç	W	7+1	

Observations

1. This is one of several quipus acquired by the Museum in 1907 with provenance Pachacamac. For a list of them, see AS97.
2. A large space on the main cord separates the quipu into 2 parts.
 - a) By spacing, the first part is separated into 2 sets of 2 pairs, then 2 groups of 5 pendants each, and then another pair. The first 2 pairs alternate in color: W, MB, W, MB. The rest of the pendants (with the exception of the last one) are W with an MB subsidiary.
 - b) The second part is less consistent in group size, subsidiary placement, and color. The values are lower in order of magnitude than those in the first part.