QUIPU AS174

Museum identification: VA16145B (Museum für Völkerkunde, Berlin)

Main cord: color LB

$ 8.0 cm: pendant cord (1), then space of 1.0 cm.

9.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (2-3), then space of 0.5 cm.

10.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (4-5), then space of 0.5 cm.

11.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (6-7), then space of 0.5 cm.

12.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (8-9), then space of 0.5 cm.

13.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (10-11), then space of 0.5 cm.

14.0 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (12-13), then space of 60.0 cm.

74.5 cm: end ¢

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
1	9s(4.0); 4L(8.5); 1EE(10.5)	28.0¢	LB	94+1	2:1.5-2.0
1s1	1E(6.5)	24.5¢	W	1	1:0.5
1s1s1	1s(2.0); 8L(6.5); 2L(8.5); 1E(11.0)	15.5¢	W	18+2+1	
1s2	2s(2.5); 3L(7.5); 2L(9.5); 3L(11.0)	26.5¢	DB	23+2+3	
2	3L(18.0)	26.0¢	W	3	1:5.0
2s1	4L(13.5)	23.5¢	W	4	
3	2s(9.5); 5L(19.0)	39.0¢	LB	25	1:1.5
3s1	1EE(18.0)	23.5¢	DB:LB:W	1	
4	3L(18.0)	25.5¢	W	3	1:6.0
4s1	4L(12.5); 1EE(14.0)	21.5¢	W	4+1	
5	2s(10.0); 3L(19.5); 1EE(20.5)	28.0¢	LB	23+1	1:3.0

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
5s1	1E(16.5)	25.0¢	DB:LB:W	1	
6	3L(19.5)	24.0¢	W	3	1:2.5
6s1	3L(17.0)	26.5¢	W	3	
7	1s(10.5); 6L(21.0)	38.5¢	LB	16	
8	2L(20.5)	32.5¢	W	2	1:4.0
8s1	3L(17.0); 1EE(18.5)	23.5¢	W	3+1	
9	1s(10.5); 4L(20.0)	36.0¢	LB	14	1:4.0
9s1	2L(15.5)	23.5¢	DB:LB:W	2	
10	3L(20.0)	31.5¢	W	3	1:3.5
10s1	4L(17.0)	23.5¢	W	4	
11	1s(10.5)	44.5¢	LB	10	1:4.5
11s1	2s(7.0)	22.0¢	DB:LB:W	20	
12	1EE(20.0)	25.5¢	W	1	1:4.0
12s1	--	29.5¢	W	0	
13	6L(20.5)	41.0¢	LB	6	1:9.0
13s1	1EE(10.5); 1EE(11.0)	25.0¢	DB:LB:GØ:W	1+1	

Observations

1. This is one of several quipus acquired by the Museum in 1904 with provenance between Ica and Pisco. For a discussion of them, see AS98.

2. By spacing, there is one single pendant and then 6 pairs of pendants. Each pair has the same color pattern: W with a W subsidiary, LB with a DB:LB:W or DB:LB:GØ:W subsidiary (if any).

3. Several of the pendants have multiple unit knots so there may be as many as 3 distinct values in a position. (See, for example, Pls2.)

4. The values on the first pendant and its subsidiaries are related to the sums
   of values on the rest of the quipu. The use of multiple values is carried
   through in the summing. Pendant 1, which is LB, has the value which is the sum
   of the values of the other 6 LB pendants. P1s1s1, which is W, has value
   18 & 2 & 1 while the W subsidiaries on the first position in each pair sum to
   18 & 2. P1s2, which is DB, has value 23 & 2 & 3 while the DB:LB:W and
   DB:LB:GØ:W subsidiaries sum to 25 & 1 (or 23 & 2 & 1 depending on how the unit
   knots are associated). P1s1, which is W, has value 1 while the W pendants sum
   to 15.