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## LITERATURE

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GENERALLY USED AS A SIGNALLING INSTRUMENT IT WAS ALSO USED BY CHIEFS TO ANNOUNCE THEIR ARRIVAL BY CANOE, FOR THE BIRTH OF A MALE HEIR AND OTHER CEREMAONIAL PURPOSES. IT WAS WORN OR CARRIED WITH A BAND OF COCONUT CORD OR BARKCLOTH.

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