

QUIPU AS178

Museum identification: No. VA37859 B (Museum Für Völkerkunde, Berlin)

Main cord: color KB-W

§ 0.5 cm: pendant cord (1), then space of 0.5 cm.

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

2.5 cm: group of 4 pendant cords (6-9), then space of 0.5 cm.

4.0 cm: group of 4 pendant cords (10-13), then space of 4.5 cm.

9.5 cm: group of 4 pendant cords (14-17), then space of 0.5 cm.

11.0 cm: group of 4 pendant cords (18-21), then space of 0.5 cm.

12.5 cm: group of 4 pendant cords (22-25), then space of 0.5 cm.

14.0 cm: group of 4 pendant cords (26-29), then space of 18.0 cm.

33.0 cm: end ç

| Cord | Knots (no., type, position) | Length | Color | Value | Subsidiaries (no., position) |
|------|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 3s(7.0);3s(12.0);5L(17.0) | 17.0b | W | 335 | |
| 2 | 6s(7.0) | 12.5b | W | 6? | |
| 3 | 1s(6.0) | 22.0 | B | 10 | |
| 4 | 1s(6.0) | 6.5b | LB | 1? | |
| 5 | 3s(7.0) | 28.0ç | KB | 30 | |
| 6 | 6s(7.5) | 19.5b | W | 6 | |
| 7 | 2s(6.0) | 21.0b | B | 20 | |
| 8 | 2s(6.0) | 23.0b | LB | 20 | |
| 9 | 3s(6.0) | 19.5b | KB | 30 | |
| 10 | 3s(5.5) | 5.5b | W | (3+)? | |
| 11 | 1s(6.0) | 14.5b | B | 10 | |

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|------|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|
| 12 | 1s(6.0) | 10.0b | LB | 1? | |
| 13 | 3s(5.5) | 13.5b | KB | 3? | |
| 14 | 1s(6.0);5L(12.5) | 17.0b | W | 15 | |
| 15 | 2L(12.0) | 24.5 | B | 2 | |
| 16 | -- | 8.0b | LB | ? | |
| 17 | 7L(12.5) | 26.5c | KB | 7 | |
| 18 | 1s(6.0);5L(13.0) | 34.0b | W | 15 | |
| 19 | 2L(13.0) | 21.0 | B | 2 | |
| 20 | 3L(13.0) | 16.0b | LB | 3 | |
| 21 | 7L(13.0) | 24.5 | KB | 7 | |
| 22 | 1s(6.0);6L(12.5);2L(13.0) | 20.5 | W | 16+2 | |
| 23 | 3L(12.0);1E(13.0) | 28.5c | B | 3+1 | |
| 24 | 5L(9.5) | 9.5b | LB | 5 | |
| 25 | -- | 12.5b | KB | ? | 1:9.5 |
| 25s1 | 9L(2.5) | 39.5 | W | 9 | |
| 26 | 1s(6.0);4L(13.0) | 34.0 | W | 14 | |
| 27 | 2L(13.0) | 21.0 | B | 2 | |
| 28 | 3L(13.0) | 33.0c | LB | 3 | |
| 29 | 7L(13.0) | 31.0c | KB | 7 | |

Observations

1. Construction note: The quipu is made of animal hair.
2. This is one of several quipu acquired by the Museum in 1907 with provenance near Lima. For a discussion of them, see AS130.
3. By spacing, there is 1 pendant cord and 7 groups of 4 pendants each. The first 3 groups are separated from the last 4 groups.
4. Each group has the same color pattern: W, B, LB, KB.
5. The values in the last 4 groups are all 0-18, while the values in the first 3 groups are 10-70.
6. The value on pendant 1 is the order of magnitude of the sum of the values in group 1. The values in group 1 are the order of magnitude of the sums of values in the corresponding positions in the last 4 groups. Too many cords are broken to know the relationship of the values with certainty.