



## Gorget

### Date

1800-1840

### Medium

Wood, shell, teeth, seed, coconut fibre

### Description

Gorget. Made of woven coconut fibre, decorated with cowrie shells and dog's teeth which were used for currency in much of New Guinea. This was worn by men on the chest, or for special ceremonies, on the back. It was worn as a sign of wealth. Melanesia.

### Dimensions

Object/Work: 340 x 220 x 500 mm Other: 150 x 220 cm  
(59 1/16 x 86 5/8 in.)