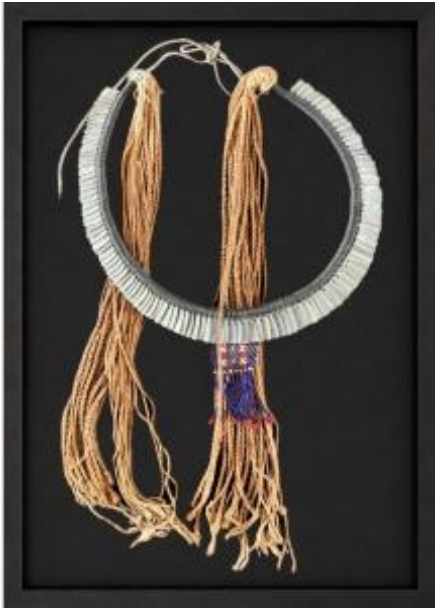




## Kayapó Chief's Necklace Made Of Mother-of-pearl



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Nacre

### Description

Jean-Pierre Dutilleux Collection Copy reproduced on page 89 of the book TRIBES - The First People (Éditions Vilo) Brazilian Amazon, the Kayapó people. Collected in the field by Jean-Pierre Dutilleux. DESCRIPTION An important Kayapó ceremonial necklace consisting of a rigid circular structure formed by a frame of sheathed plant fibers, entirely covered with a regular sequence of rectangular mother-of-pearl plates. These elements, carefully carved and arranged, create a rhythmic surface with iridescent sheen, contrasting with the dark hue of the inner structure. The upper fastening consists of a dense bundle of long plant fibers forming a spectacular trailing element, characteristic of prestigious adornments. The lower section is embellished with a finely crafted beaded panel,

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composed of glass beads in deep blue, red, white, and yellow hues, extended by beaded fringes.

This decorative element, both graphic and symbolic, enhances the ceremonial and visual impact of the piece as a whole.

**IMPORTANT NOTE - DOCUMENTED PIECE** This necklace is part of a documented collection and is the one illustrated on page 89 of the reference

work: **TRIBES - The First People**, Jean-Pierre Dutilleux (Éditions Vilo)

**ETHNOGRAPHIC CONTEXT** Among the Kayapo of the Brazilian Amazon, these necklaces serve as markers of status and prestige. Mother-of-pearl, chosen for its luminous qualities, is combined with plant elements and glass beads introduced through trade, forming a complex visual language linked to ceremonial and social

functions.

**CONDITION** Good overall condition for a worn piece. Minor wear and irregularities consistent with traditional use and age. Stable structure, very striking visual impact.