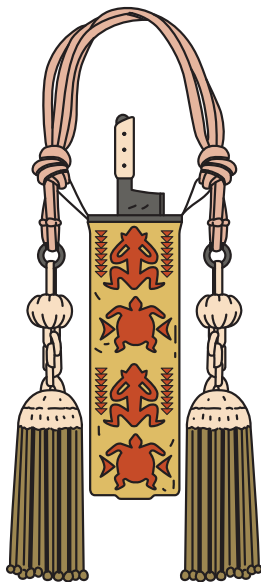


AKO-QPIA

Sheath



Ako-Qpia (sheaths) are covers made from leather or other materials. They would be used to house or protect any kind of bladed weapon, such as Idɛnrhɛn, Umozo or Qhɔ. A number of these are heavily ornamented and cast in brass, and would probably have had a ceremonial rather than practical function. A smaller number are made from coral beads.

