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Photograph of Antonio Zarco
and H. Morgan Smith, circa 1982

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Photograph of Antonio Zarco and H. Morgan Smith
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.82-49
Date:	circa 1982
Extent:	1 Print (silver gelatin)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Robert Elder of the Processing Lab, 1982.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Items donated by Zarco can be found in the Department of Anthropology in accessions 296264, 307730, and 349818.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 82-49, Photograph of Antonio Zarco and H. Morgan Smith, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Antonio Zarco is an elder of the Choco Tribe of Panama. He served on the staff of the United States Air Force Tropic Survival School in the Canal Zone and worked with American astronauts for part of their training. In 1970, Zarco was at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama assisting in a course involving intercultural contact. After attending one of Zarco's seminars, Wilton Sterling Dillon, who was director of the Smithsonian Office of Symposia and Seminars, helped arrange for him to visit Washington, DC. When Zarco found no Choco material in the National Museum of Natural History, he donated items he had with him and made an additional donation after his return to Panama.

Scope and Contents

Photograph depicting Antonio Zarco with his traveling companion, botanist H. Morgan Smith, in the Department of Anthropology Processing Lab, National Museum of Natural History. This photograph was made after Zarco's last donation to the museum of items from his tribal community (accession 349818). The photograph may have been made by Robert Elder of the Processing Lab or a Smithsonian photographer.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 82-49

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Choco Indians
Indians of Central America -- Panama

Cultures:

Choco Indians
Indians of Central America -- Panama

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Zarco, Antonio, Chief