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Shirley Hoffmann photographs of Amazonas

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	Shirley Hoffmann photographs of Amazonas
Date:	1989-1990
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.422
Creator:	Hoffmann, Shirley
Extent:	8 Color slides (35mm.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection contains 8 color slides photographed by Shirley Hoffmann circa 1989-1990 depicting Arawakan women of the San Carlos de Rio Negro region of the Amazonas, Venezuela.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Gift of Shirley Hoffmann and the Arawakan Peoples of Amazonas, Venezuela, 2015.

Separated Materials

Shirley Hoffmann also donated a set of related items to NMAI including, a hammock (26/9751); a bag (26/9752); seed whistles (26/9753); a manioc squeezer (26/9754); basket sifter (26/9755); and a food grater (26/9756). Details about these items can be found at www.collections.si.edu.

Processing Information

Collection level record processed by Emily Moazami, Supervisory Archivist, 2022.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Shirley Hoffmann photographs of Amazonas, image #, NMAI.AC.422; National Museum of the American Indian Archives Center, Smithsonian Institution.

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Biographical / Historical

Shirley Hoffmann shot these photographs in 1989-1990 while she was conducting her dissertation.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 8 color slides photographed by Shirley Hoffmann circa 1989-1990. The photographs depict Arawakan women of the San Carlos de Rio Negro region of the Amazonas, Venezuela. In the photos, the women are processing bitter manioc (yuca) using a Cebucan (woven squeezer), a grater that consists of sharp stones embedded in a board, and a sifter to sift freshly squeezed manioc.

Arrangement

Arranged by subject.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Arawak

Cultures:

Arawak