

TREATMENT REPORT

Conservation Number: 2020.037
Date: 06/02/2024
Object: Woven mat
Accession Number: A.1668.27-40
Catalogue Number: A.1668.27-40
Department: Ethnology
Material: Plant - Pandanus Fiber
Dimensions: L: 25.08" (63.70 cm)
W: 14.09" (35.80 cm)



Description:

Description from Blomberg card: "Rectangular, diagonally plaited pandanus mat with 'ALOHA NUI' written in the center in a darker over lay design. Dark, geometric over lay designs are around the edges."

Description from old catalog card: "Small pandanus mat, 18" x 28"."

Condition After Treatment:

The mat is very fragile, but in stable condition. It was flattened and torn areas were reattached in the recent treatment. Some losses remain in the area of the large V shaped tear at the top middle of the mat. There are also some small holes, areas of loss, and stains, as noted on the Before Treatment condition diagram by Jenn Berger on 8/27/2020.

Treatment:

1. The woven mat was photographed and its condition documented before treatment.
2. The mat was humidified overall in a humidity chamber as well as locally to flatten curling and align tears. Once rendered flexible by humidification, gentle weight was used to flatten the mat.
3. Conjoining tears were mended using wheat starch paste and in some instances, methyl cellulose, supported with toned thin Japanese tissue as necessary. Some loose fragments were reattached in place. Losses were not in-filled because the mat is stable if evenly supported by a tray and because the woven strips were too fragile to tolerate even gentle manipulation.
4. The woven mat was photographed after treatment.

Treatment Hours: 30.00

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