

Group 6

Items that are exchanged

- white Conus armshells (mwali)
- red Chama-shell necklaces
- Chama-shell belts etc. p. 146

How does the system work?

In the beginning individuals choose who they want to trade with based on their previous partnerships (sometimes based on lineage).

They communicate with partners and establish what they can gain from relationship. Through travel they receive "promised" or "hoped" items. Individuals sometimes bring "gifts" to lure the partners to other paths.

What purpose does it serve?

- Profit
- Increase fame and recognition (butana)
- Kula is separate sphere from everyday life and wealth
- Brings in items from other islands
- Individuals want to get the "prized shell".

How is it changing?

- Many Kula transactions have disappeared
- Trade not typically done by canoes any more, but rather motor boats and commercial fisheries.

stopped making red necklaces