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## Tagua Beaded Necklace

Eco jewellery is on the rise. Featuring sustainably harvested tagua nut, also known as “vegetable ivory,” tagua is produced by a palm-like tree in South America. The nuts fall to the ground when mature, so harvesting doesn’t damage the trees. This beaded necklace was handcrafted by makers of Maquita. Maquita works with more than one hundred craft workshops in Ecuador providing marketing, production and design assistance to over 600 artisans.



### About the Artisans

## Maquita (MCCH)

MCCH, whose full name is a combination of Quechua and Spanish meaning ‘Let us join hands and do business as brothers,’ began in 1985 as a response to rising poverty and inflation in Ecuador. Today, the organization works with more than one hundred craft workshops around the country, providing marketing, production and design assistance to over 600 artisans, 70% of whom are women. For many artisans, craft income supplements meager agricultural earnings.

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Learn how Fair Trade really makes a difference. Our goal is to provide vital, fair income to artisans by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. Ten Thousand Villages sells product from more than 30 countries, providing work for nearly 60,000 people around the world.

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