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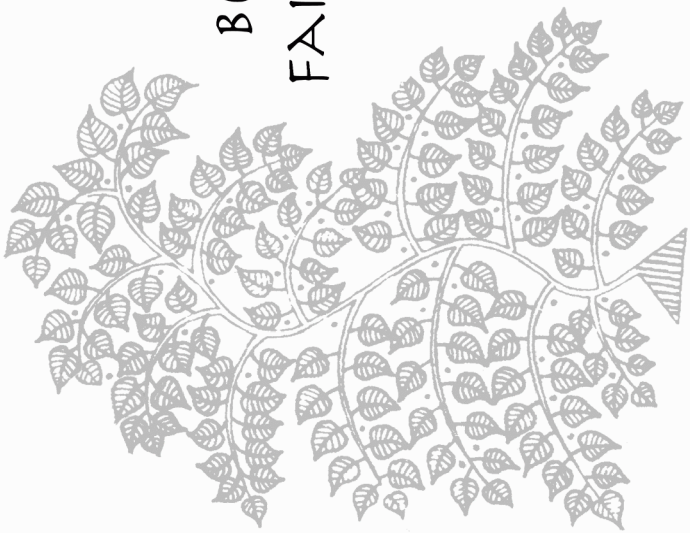
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We create opportunities for artisans

long-term, fair trading relationships.

and stories to our markets through

to earn income by bringing their products

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ABOUT THE ARTISANS

MCCH (Maquita Chuchunchic

Comercializando Como Hermanos), meaning

“Let us join hands and do business as

brothers” in Quechua and Spanish

languages, is an Ecuadorian cooperative

marketing NGO. MCCH works with craft

groups scattered around the country,

helping them with production, design

and marketing. For many artisans, craft

income supplements meager agricultural

earnings. In addition to handicraft

sales, MCCH works with farm collectives exporting fair trade cocoa, with

ecotourism and with women’s cooperatives. MCCH was begun in 1985 by a group

of church communities in response to rising poverty and inflation in

Ecuador. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from MCCH since 1995.



ABOUT YOUR HANDCRAFTED TREASURE

Quiet Forest Necklace

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Slices of tagua nut are dyed serene shades, then combined in this lovely necklace. Tagua adds value to the natural landscape, discouraging deforestation.

Also known as “vegetable ivory” tagua is produced by a palm-like tree in South America. Tagua nut’s grain is close and very hard, resembling the finest ivory.

The nuts fall to the ground when mature, thus harvesting does not damage the trees. Cultural tradition and forest preservation combine in the use of this renewable resource.



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