

To express affirmation, the natives jerk the head up, as at Fiji. Negation is expressed by a most extraordinary and peculiar method: the nose is struck on its side by the extended forefinger of the right hand, the motion being as if the tip of the nose were to be cut or knocked off. This sign was invariably used to express refusal of proffered barter, or that a native had not got some article asked for. It is capable of various modifications: the quick decided negative is given by a smart quick stroke on the nose; in the doubtful, hesitating negative, the finger dwells on its way, and is rubbed slowly across the nose.

The men average about 5 feet 5 inches in height, and the women about 5 feet 1 inch. They contrast at once with the natives of Humboldt Bay, in being far thinner and lankier. Three men who were weighed, averaged only nine stone (127 lbs.) in weight. Only one native was observed that was at all fleshy, although such were not uncommon at Humboldt Bay. Food is perhaps not so abundant here as on the New Guinea coast, and the natives have not, like the natives there, the advantage of bows and arrows to kill game with.

MEASUREMENTS in inches of NATIVES of the ADMIRALTY ISLANDS, taken by the late R. VON WILLEMOES SUHM, being of NATIVES of WILD ISLAND, except those of Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, which were taken on board the ship by R. VON WILLEMOES SUHM and H. N. MOSELEY.

		Height.	Breadth.	Arm Length.	Leg Length.	Foot Length.	Hand Length.	Nose Length.	Forehead Length.	Ear Length.	Breasts Length.	
WOMEN.	1. Old woman; 40 years (<i>circa</i>), .	60	15	28	...	10	7	...	...	...	7	
	2. Young girl; 15 years (<i>circa</i>), .	61½	15	25	33	9½	...	1½	...	2½	...	
	3. Woman of mean size, older than 2,	60	12	25	...	9	6½	2	3	...	6½	
	4. Old woman,	63	...	...	...	10	8	...	...	...	...
	Mean,	61	14	26	33	9½	7½	2	3	2½	6½	
MEX.	1. Young man,	67	16	29	37	9½	7	2	2	2½	2½	...
	2. Adult,	63	18	28	35	10½	7	2½	3	2½	...	...
	3. Adult,	63	17½	27½	34	9½	...	2	...	2½	3½	...
	4. Adult,	66	17½	28½	...	...	...	...	...	2½	...	...
	5. Oto, ¹	67	17½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	6. Adult,	64½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	7. Adult,	63	...	...	...	9½	...	...	...	...	...	122
	8. Adult (photographed), .	62½	17½	27½	33½	10½	8	1½	3	3	3	133
	9. Young,	66½	16	27	34	10	7½	2	3½	...	...	126
	Mean,	64½	17½	28	34½	9½	7½	2	3	3	3	127

¹ The Chief of Wild Island.