



## Axe Currency

### Date

20th Century

### Primary Maker

Massim

### Medium

Wood, greenstone, rattan and pigment

### Description

This presentation axe was made by the Massim people residing on Woodlark Island in Papua New Guinea's Milne Bay Province. Axes such as this one are just one of the many different types of objects typically traded as currency in a circular pattern between different groups of islands, commonly called the Kula Trade Ring.

### Dimensions

38 × 11 1/4 × 1 1/2 in. (96.5 × 28.6 × 3.8 cm)