

Basic Detail Report



Drum Pounder

Date
early to mid 20th Century

Medium
Wood

Description

This object is a rhythm pounder (or drum pounder) with a crocodile head handle. It comes from Wogamus Village in the Sepik/April River region of Papua New Guinea and it dates to the early to mid 20th century. Drumming plays an important role in communication between villages in the Sepik River region. Drumming also takes place during special ceremonial events and celebrations. Carved in hard wood, drum pounders often would have an intricately designed ancestral figure on one end.

Dimensions

32 1/2 × 2 5/8 × 2 1/4 in. (82.6 × 6.7 × 5.7 cm)