

# Basic Detail Report

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## Ladle

**Date**

19th Century

**Medium**

Wood

**Description**

This exquisitely carved ceremonial ladle or scoop was made in the Austral Islands and is believed to have been used to serve kava, a drink made from kava root. The bands of repeating diamond shapes give this ladle incredible texture and a band of stylized human faces encircle the handle. This elaborate and highly ornamental carving style is characteristic of artwork from the Austral Islands.

**Dimensions**

28 7/8 × 5 3/4 × 4 1/2 in. (73.3 × 14.6 × 11.4 cm)