



Club

Date

19th Century

Medium

Wood, stone and rattan

Description

War clubs were very common in the islands that made up Melanesia including Vanuatu and New Guinea. Primarily used in combat during tribal conflicts, the use of heavy wood and often stone attached to the end made the clubs highly effective. The war clubs were sometimes used in an agricultural role. And in addition symbolic war clubs were often created for the sole purpose of being placed beside a deceased warrior as they prepared for the journey into the afterworld.

Dimensions

43 3/8 × 4 1/2 × 1 in. (110.2 × 11.4 × 2.5 cm)