

Basic Detail Report



Canoe Bailer

Date

early to mid 20th Century

Medium

Wood

Description

Canoe Bailer collected from the Massim area on Gawa Island in the Milne Bay Province of Papua New Guinea.

This object dates from the early to mid-20th Century. This

bailer is used to remove water canoes take at sea. The incised designs and long handle represent the eyes and nose of a face. It is made out of dark brown wood and carved into an oval shaped bowl with its nose-like handle protruding out of the interior surface towards the center of the bowl. There is a rough incised pattern representing eyes at the end. The surface is rough.

Dimensions

5 1/2 × 17 1/2 × 7 in. (14 × 44.5 × 17.8 cm)