



Club (Go Porowa Ra Maru)

Date

19th - 20th Century

Medium

Wood and cloth

Description

This club was made in New Caledonia and is shaped in the form of the head of a stylized bird. Used by chiefs, the clubs were symbols of prestige, rank, and wealth that were sometimes ritually exchanged. Because the club terminates in a fragile point it was most likely used ceremonially, as an object of display, rather than in war.

Dimensions

26 1/2 × 11 7/8 × 1 3/4 in. (67.3 × 30.2 × 4.4 cm)