



Club (Go Porowa Ra Maru)

Date

19th - 20th Century

Medium

Wood

Description

This club from New Caledonia 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

27 3/8 × 12 1/2 × 2 3/4 in. (69.5 × 31.8 × 7 cm)