



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

26 1/4 × 9 7/8 × 7 3/4 in. (66.7 × 25.1 × 19.7 cm)