



Paddle

Date

mid to late 20th Century

Medium

Wood

Description

This carved wooden canoe paddle was collected from the Middle Sepik River region in the East Sepik Province of Papua New Guinea. The object dates back mid to late 20th century. This canoe paddle features openwork carvings of crocodile and human head motifs. Canoe transportation is an essential mode of transportation to navigate the waterways of the region as well as for hunting and fishing. The inscription "JOMAI" carved into the paddle.

Dimensions

67 3/4 × 5 11/16 × 1 3/4 in. (172.1 × 14.4 × 4.4 cm)