



Club (lula Drisia)

Date

1860-1904

Medium

Wood and human tooth

Description

Warfare was a constant feature throughout Fijian history, even into the 19th Century, but many weapons' decorations saw more effort than their utility. Even as weapons intended to break bones and kill, clubs filled an equally important symbolic role as items of immense power in Fiji. These clubs were almost exclusively decorated with intricate carvings or ivory or shell inlays, making them important symbols of status for their owners and valuable exchange items. lula drisia are a variant of the iula tavatava with spherical heads. Despite their

name, missile club were sometimes used as melee weapons, but their intended use as a thrown weapon was far deadlier. This particular lula Drisia sets itself apart with an embedded tooth in the handle.

Dimensions

15 1/4 x 3 3/8 x 3 3/8 in. (38.7 x 8.6 x 8.6 cm)