



Club Head

Medium

Stone

Description

Stone club weapons were used only by a very few groups in Papua New Guinea. The culture origin of this object is unknown. One group particularly well-known for their use and craftsmanship of stone clubs is the Angu, or Kukukukus. They were experts in the manufacture of ball, disc, star and pineapple shaped club heads. Clubs would be decorated with stripes of ochre and yellow clay as well as carvings. Men typically carried clubs on their person in a spot that was convenient for easy and quick retrieval. There is evidence that other groups of people such as the Kiwai of the Gulf Province used stone clubs. On Kiwai, the word for stone club is gabagaba.

Dimensions

3 1/8 × 4 1/4 × 4 1/2 in. (7.9 × 10.8 × 11.4 cm)