



Club

Date

19th Century

Medium

Wood and human hair

Description

Warfare is very much so a part of the culture of Vanuatu. As such, variously shaped clubs were made and traditionally carried at all times. While some types of clubs can be found throughout the islands of Vanuatu, this paddle-like club was made and used exclusively in Pentecost Island. Slender clubs with a slightly projecting grip are hallmarks of traditional Pentecost Island clubs. Human hair is almost always wrapped around the grip, but coconut fiber has been used as well. This club in particular was made in the southern part of Pentecost Island.

Dimensions

51 × 5 1/4 × 1 in. (129.5 × 13.3 × 2.5 cm)