



Club (Kila)

Date

mid 19th to early 20th Century

Medium

Wood and shell

Description

Clubs of this shape from the Solomon Islands are known as kila or Florida Islands type clubs. Such clubs are usually unadorned. Examples of adorned clubs are infrequently listed in scholarship or databases. These examples are all attributed to Malaita Island. Adorning objects with shell inlay is a common practice in the Solomon Islands. Many times, items with this type of decoration have a ceremonial purpose and/or function. As such, this club was likely not used for warfare.

Dimensions

47 1/2 × 3 × 1 in. (120.7 × 7.6 × 2.5 cm)