

Basic Detail Report



Club

Date

19th Century

Primary Maker

Fanla

Medium

Wood and pigment

Description

Pig killing clubs are implements used within Vanuatu’s complex hierarchical grade system. As pigs are of the utmost value both economically and ceremonially, a man would need to sacrifice pigs as part of his ascension through the grade hierarchy. This club was used for such a purpose. Its design and form are found both on Ambrym and Malekula, but other types of less elaborate clubs were used elsewhere. The club was field collected from the infamous Fanla Village leader, Chief Tofor.

Dimensions

22 × 11 1/2 × 3 in. (55.9 × 29.2 × 7.6 cm)