

Basic Detail Report



Club (Supi or Supe)

Date

20th Century

Medium

Wood

Description

Due to their unique lozenge shape, supe or supi clubs are one of the most widely-recognized club forms from Malaita Island. They have also been found on Maramasike Island as well as other islands within the southeastern Solomons. The club's primary function was as a weapon. It is surmised that the shape of the clubs has sexual significance. As such, men of the Kwaio culture were not allowed to carry these types of clubs when they are participating in courtship rituals. Supe clubs frequently have a lower portion that is wrapped with fiber and some have shell rings around the top edge of this wrapping. Evidence of the wrapping can be seen in the worn patina

around the handle.

Dimensions

27 3/4 × 5 3/4 × 1 1/4 in. (70.5 × 14.6 × 3.2 cm)