



Staff

Date

20th Century

Medium

Wood and pigment

Description

This unique object requires more research, but appears to be a multicolored staff with panels of red, black, and off-white pigment. It was collected by the donor in the Trobriand Islands of Papua New Guinea's Milne Bay Province. At its top, the object has a carved circular hole which may have been used to tie other adornments to the staff such as feathers, shells, and woven plant fiber ornaments.

Dimensions

1 1/4 × 7/8 × 68 1/4 in. (3.2 × 2.2 × 173.4 cm)