

Basic Detail Report



Club

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Sulka

Medium

Wood

Description

This wooden club comes from the Sulka people of Papua New Guinea's East New Britain Province. The shape of the club head mimics that of a pandanus fruit. War clubs were very common in the islands that make up Melanesia, including the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and New Guinea. Primarily wielded in tribal conflicts, clubs made of heavy wood and occasionally fitted with stone heads were highly effective bludgeoning tools. War clubs had other uses too. They could be employed in agriculture and symbolic war clubs were often created for the sole purpose of being

placed beside a deceased warrior as they prepared for the journey into the afterworld.

Dimensions

34 3/8 × 4 1/2 × 4 1/2 in. (87.3 × 11.4 × 11.4 cm)