

Basic Detail Report



Club

Date

20th Century

Medium

Wood

Description

This wooden club's design suggests it may have been made by the Arapesh people residing in the Torricelli Mountain region of Papua New Guinea's East Sepik Province. 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

47 x 3 1/4 x 1 in. (119.4 x 8.3 x 2.5 cm)