



University of Aberdeen Museums New Caledonia Collection



COLLECTIONS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

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<p>There are five items from New Caledonia.</p> <p>The collection includes three wooden clubs each of a different style. One is of the bird-headed type and was acquired in 1896 from Mrs Duthie who was part of the Duthie shipbuilding family who were at that time associated with Cairnbulg Castle. Another club has a mushroom shaped head, and the third is shorter for throwing.</p> <p>Two decorated shells also come from New Caledonia. They are each illustrated with a man's head and one is smoking a pipe. This type of shell is often attributed to French convicts imprisoned in New Caledonia and date from the late 19th century. They were collected by the Countess of Kintore, Lady Sydney Charlotte (1851-1932).</p>	
Have any aspects of the collection been published? Please provide bibliographic references if available.	
<p>Gathercole, P & A. Clarke (1979), <i>Survey of the Oceanian Collections in Museums in the United Kingdom and Ireland</i>. UNESCO.</p> <p>Kwasnik, Elizabeth (ed.) (1994), <i>A Wider World: Collections of Foreign Ethnography in Scotland</i>. National Museums of Scotland</p>	