



Glasgow Museums Admiralty Islands Collection



COLLECTIONS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

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Title of the Collection	Admiralty Islands (Manus) collection, Glasgow Museums
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<p>There are twelve items from the Admiralty Islands (Manus).</p> <p>All items in the collection date from the 19th century. There are four complete spears and four spear heads with obsidian blades. Another two spears have missing blades but it is likely that two separate pieces of obsidian found in the collection go with them. The incomplete spears and two spear heads came from Peter Denniston in 1892 as part of a collection of Pacific weapons. Two complete spears are from William Green who was in Papua New Guinea 1880-85. Another spear head was donated as part of a collection from Dr Alex Skottowe (recorded on the museum database as Skoltowe) who was a district medical officer at Navua, Fiji, 1886-92. Finally, two spears were collected by Kilmarnock-born Sir Hugh Muir Nelson who was Premier of Queensland, 1893-8, during which time he made official visits to Papua New Guinea.</p> <p>In addition to these weapons there is a shell trumpet acquired in 1897.</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> <p>Lovelace, A (1992), 'The Pacific Collections at Glasgow Art Gallery and Museum', <i>Pacific Arts, The Journal of the Pacific Arts Association</i>: 19-23</p>	