



Glasgow Museums Caroline Islands Collection



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<p>There are four items from the Caroline Islands.</p> <p>This collection includes material that is from the Federated States of Micronesia and from Palau, which are the two political groups that make up the Caroline Island archipelago.</p> <p>From Kosrae is a 19th century mat (<i>tol</i>) of woven banana fibre with wool woven into the patterned ends (1904.155). Turkey-red wool from trade blankets acquired from New England missionaries became incorporated into these types of textiles on Kosrae and Pohnpei from the mid-19th century onwards.</p> <p>From Palau there is a skirt worn as part of a chief's ceremonial dress made of shredded plant fibre. To accompany this is an outfit in two pieces worn by the wife of a chief. These are among the earliest acquired Pacific items in Glasgow Museums which arrived in the collection in 1876.</p> <p>One item does not have specific provenance within the Caroline Islands. This is a fishhook of a broad curved flat shape of bone or shell with a plant fibre line (ETHNN.539). It likely dates from the late 19th century.</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>	