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<p>There are twenty-six items from the Western Islands of the Admiralty Islands, Papua New Guinea.</p> <p>The Western Islands of the Admiralty Islands are made up of Aua Island, Hermit Islands, Kaniet Islands (Anchorite), Sae Island, Ninigo Islands, and Wuvulu Island (Maty Island)</p> <p>From the Hermit Islands is a 19th century wooden comb from the Hermit Islands carved with two faces collected by Frederick W Christian. There is also a set of fishhooks attached pages of bound palm leaf and accompanying fishing line. These were bought in 1929 from JFC Umlaff.</p> <p>From Wuvalu (also known as Maty Island) are seventeen items including two axes with turtle bone blade and wooden handle, both 19th century. There is a boat model of one of their racing canoes purchased from WD Webster in 1899. The collection also includes two canoe paddles, a fish hook, eight spears and three wooden clubs.</p> <p>There are six items from Kaniet (also known as Anchorite) Islands, five of which are from the Captain Zembsch collection purchased through Dutch museum curator CM Pleyte in 1897. These five items include an ear pendant of turtle shell, a woman's item of dress worn around the waist made of coloured plant fibre and a wooden food bowl. There is also a man's girdle of coconut fibre. Not of the Zembsch collection is a wooden barkcloth beater with part of a horned palate of a fish inlaid in the head. This was purchased from the dealer J Dickson in 1927.</p>	
<p>Have any aspects of the collection been published? Please provide bibliographic references if available.</p>	
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