



Perth Museum & Art Gallery Solomon Islands Collection



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<p>There are ninety-eight artefacts from the Solomon Islands.</p> <p>The majority of items are arrows with incised decoration acquired in the 1920s, some of which have a field collection date of 1880. Three clubs and two spears were given to the Perth Literary and Antiquarian Society in 1850 by General Lindsay and collected by Dr L MacLean on returning from Australia.</p> <p>The collection includes 62 objects from the Santa Cruz Islands, 58 of which are arrows. Also from Santa Cruz is a woven bag of banana fibre; a forehead ornament of shell that appears to be missing a central ornament; and a paddle.</p> <p>There is a standing male figure (1978.672) formed of wood with pearl shell inlay around the face and eyes. The figure is carved with neck and arm adornments as well as ear ornaments that are now broken. The collection also includes a lime box of incised bamboo, a fishing float with carved face inlaid with pearl shell, and four barbed fishing spears with red and yellow orchid stem acquired in 1922.</p>	
Have any aspects of the collection been published? Please provide bibliographic references if available.	
<p>Published collections:</p> <p>Idiens, D (nd), <i>Perth Museum & Art Gallery Catalogue of the Ethnographic Collection: Oceania, America, Africa</i>. Perth.</p> <p>Idiens, D (1990), 'The Pacific Collections in Perth Museum and Art Gallery', in <i>Pacific Arts</i> no.'s 1 & 2 (January/July 1990), pp58-59.</p> <p>Related Publications:</p> <p>Gathercole, P & Clarke, A (eds) (1979), <i>Survey of Oceania Collections in Museum in the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic</i>. Paris: UNESCO</p>	