

Perth Museum & Art Gallery Cook Islands Collection













COLLECTIONS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

Data Entry form

| Title of the Collection | Cook Islands collection, Perth Museum & Art |
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| | Gallery |
| Author(s) | Eve Haddow |
| Curator responsible for collection | History Officer, Perth and Kinross Council |
| (if different from author) | |
| Date Completed | 5 th September 2014 |
| There are three items from the Cook Islands. | |

All artefacts are from the island of Mangaia. The collection includes one complete ceremonial adze, probably dating from the late 19th century. Acquired from John MacGregor in 1936 is a carved ceremonial adze shaft with coconut fibre binding and a stone adze head. These belong together so are counted as one artefact. Finally, there is the top of a ceremonial adze. This item consists of the stone head bound to the top of a carved handle with most of the shaft of the handle missing.

Have any aspects of the collection been published? Please provide bibliographic references if available.

Published collections:

Idiens, D (nd), Perth Museum & Art Gallery Catalogue of the Ethnographic Collection: Oceania, America, Africa. Perth.

Idiens, D (1990), 'The Pacific Collections in Perth Museum and Art Gallery', in Pacific Arts no.'s 1 & 2 (January/July 1990), pp58-59.

Related Publications:

Gathercole, P & A. Clarke (eds) (1979), Survey of Oceania Collections in Museum in the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic. Paris: UNESCO