

Perth Museum & Art Gallery Cook Islands Collection













COLLECTIONS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

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Title of the Collection	Cook Islands collection, Perth Museum & Art
	Gallery
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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