



# University of Aberdeen Museums Kiribati Collection



## COLLECTIONS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

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<p>There are twenty-eight items from Kiribati (previously named Gilbert Islands and Kingsmill Islands).</p> <p>Eighteen artefacts are 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century weapons incorporating shark tooth blades including spears, swords and daggers. Additionally, there is a ceremonial staff which apparently belonged to a chief of Ocean Island, the historical name given to Banaba Island, Kiribati. Also from Banaba are two fishhooks of stalactite with plant fibre lures.</p> <p>A Mrs Summers of Aberdeen who lived in Tawara atoll in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century donated a skirt of grass worn by women and two necklaces composed of glass beads. There is another skirt in the collection which is from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is made of shredded grass overlaid with pandanus leaf strips that have been dyed in bright colours.</p>	
Have any aspects of the collection been published? Please provide bibliographic references if available.	
<p>Gathercole, P &amp; 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>	