

## Glasgow Museums Tokelau Collection













## COLLECTIONS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

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There is one item from Tokelau. Although this collection is small in number, there are very few artefacts from Tokelau in Scottish museums.

The only artefact from Tokelau is a shark tooth weapon (1896.32.df). It is from a collection acquired from Dr Alex Skottowe (recorded on the museum database as Skoltowe) who was a district medical officer at Navua, Fiji, 1886-92. In 1825 Hiram Paulding described the use of shark tooth weapons in Tokelau in *Journal of a cruise in the United States schooner 'Dolphin'* (1831), although this type of weapon is more commonly associated with Kiribati.

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

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