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Title of the Collection	Marshall Islands collection, National Museums Scotland
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<p>There are six items from the Marshall Islands. Although this collection is small, there are few items from the Marshall Islands in Scottish museums.</p> <p>The collection includes three fishhooks each made from the ear of a pearl shell with plant fibre binding. There is a fan of woven pandanus leaf with a patterned border incorporating black leaf. This was acquired from Dr McNaughton who worked in Tuvalu and then Kiribati in 1916-7.</p> <p>The collection includes a belt consisting of finely made length of rope of plaited coconut fibre bound with leaf and black banana fibre. This would be worn around the waist to hold a mat (<i>jaki-ed</i>) in place and was bought from the London taxidermists Edward Gerrard and Sons in 1903. There is also a pounder made of a single piece of giant clamshell which is from the collection of Harry G Beasley.</p>	
Have any aspects of the collection been published? Please provide bibliographic references if available.	
<p>Idiens, D (1982), <i>Pacific Art in the Royal Scottish Museum</i>. Edinburgh: Royal Scottish Museum (A.1897.165; A.1897.322.3; A.1899.47)</p> <p>Gathercole, P & 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>	