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Field No.

Provenience: Polynesia, New Zealand

People or Culture: Maori

Object: FEATHER BOX (WAKAHUIA) AND LID

Material: Totara (native N. Zealand pine), beef bone, abalone shell (Haliotis iris).

Description: Sub A: Feather box (Wakahuia) of light red brown stained wood with a figure at each end whose heads form a handle. Papa (earth mother) looks upward, her eyes are abalone discs, her right hand holds a beef bone kotiate club, her body faces the box. Rangi(sky father) looks down, has abalone disc eyes, a patu club of beef bone in his right hand, his body faces outward. Sub B: Design on box lid is curvilinear of kawaiwhai (the scroll found on the rafters of a meeting house). (OVER)

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Dimensions:

(in cm.) A:W.=40.3; D.=13.3; H.=8.1.
B:W.=24.4; D.=13.4; H.=6.9.

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Collection: Gift of Maori Delegation at Dawn Ceremony 3/6/86 during opening of "TE MAORI" exhibition. Rec'd Rec'd from C. Blackmon, Ed. Dept. FMNH, 4/24/86.

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