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Country Ellice Islands, Polynesia

Locality

People

Name Surgical instrument or lancet (ponga kiva). A shark's tooth fastened to the end of a short stick. Used as a cutting instrument to make long incisions for the removal of tumors or similar operations. The back, serrated edge acts as handle it tapered.

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(Ditto, collector)

Notes See Kennedy - Notes on Culture of Vaitupu, in Memoire of the Polynesian Soc. Vol. 9 (1931) p 241

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Width

Length 22 cm.

Height

Price