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General Provenience: Polynesia New Zealand

Where collected:

Tribe:

Where made:

People: Maori

Attribution:

Culture:

Brief description: (Taiaha) Weapon-staff

Detailed description: Light brown in color; varnished. Inscription near spatulate end reads "RAUTAWERO". Diamond-shaped shell inlay, covered by encrustation, present in all four eyes. Edges of tongue grooved as part of opposed surface pattern. See reverse

DIMENSIONS (in cm.):

length: 155.1

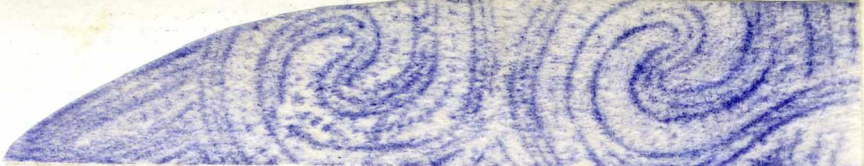
height:

diameter:

width: 5.4

circumference:

Fuller Collection: Purchased from Captain A. W. F. Fuller of London, England, in 1958
Acquired by Fuller on July 4, 1901.



An old label in Fuller's father's handwriting is affixed and reads: "A Taiha or Maori quarterstaff owned by Te Piki Unum of Ranawa; used by him all through the New Zealand Wars before the advent of Christianity and used in the recent Motoa Fight. - (Bought 4 July 1901 at Steven's Auction Rooms out of collection of Wm. E^d. Goffe, Government Land Purchaser Wanganui. See Wanganui Herald N. Zealand Wednesday 20 Feb. 1901.)"

The information noted by Fuller's father must have come from a sale catalogue which listed the piece for sale. The Ranawa noted should probably have read "Ranana."

