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Provenience: Western Caroline Islands; Palau

Field No.

People or Culture: Palauan

Object: spear gun

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Material: wood and metal

**Description:** Such fish spears are common today in Palau. Used by men in spearing fish in the reef area and the shallow lagoons. Power supplied by inner-tube rubber. Introduction of the spears must be fairly recent, but source and date are obscure. Native name: piskang (which seems to

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**Dimensions:** be a corruption of English "fish gun")  
 (in cm.) length: 144.5 (over)

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**Collection:** Presented by Roland W. Force; Collector, 1956. Tri-Institutional Pacific Program Ethnological Expedition to Palau, 1954-1956.

Also called bóes era ngikl (gun of fish)