



University of Aberdeen Museums Admiralty Islands Collection



COLLECTIONS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

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Title of the Collection	Admiralty Islands (Manus) collection, Aberdeen University Museums
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<p>There are five items from the Admiralty Islands (Manus).</p> <p>The oldest items in the collection are three spears with obsidian blades inserted into sockets decorated with red and black design. These were acquired by Sir William MacGregor while he was Administrator, and later Lieutenant-Governor, of the area then known as British New Guinea, 1888-98.</p> <p>There is a basket with a design around the rim which was acquired from Lady Stonehaven (Ethel Sydney Keith-Falconer) wife of Lord Stonehaven who was 8th Governor-General of Australia from 1925-31. In addition to material she collected while visiting Papua New Guinea in the 1920s, Lady Stonehaven gifted material collected by her parents. Also acquired in the 20th century is an obsidian dagger with a handle decorated with red and black design which was collected by Neville Moderate, a photographer for the government in Papua New Guinea, 1962-77.</p>	
<p>Have any aspects of the collection been published? Please provide bibliographic references if available.</p>	
<p>Reid, RW (1912), <i>Catalogue of Specimens deposited by William MacGregor in the Anthropological Museum, Marischal College, University of Aberdeen</i> (ABDUA:1922; ABDUA:1921; ABDUA:1920)</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>	