



University of Aberdeen Museums Marquesas Islands Collection



COLLECTIONS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

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Title of the Collection	Marquesas Islands collection, Aberdeen University Museums
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<p>There are three items from the Marquesas Islands.</p> <p>There is a crescentic feather headdress (<i>peue kavii</i>, or <i>tuetue</i>) (ABDUA: 4118). The feathers have been badly damaged, possibly before arrival at the museum. This allows a view of the inner construction of the item.</p> <p>The collection also includes a food pounder of basaltic stone. The pounder has little decoration except for a central depression on the top of the handle part. An old label on the pounder attributes it to the Gauthier collection (Gauthier collection no. 1193). It was given to the museum in 1946 by Captain K A Webster in exchange for a New Zealand fish hook. There is a Marquesan adze head in the British Museum from the Gauthier Collection (Gauthier collection no. 1198).</p> <p>There is also a carved wooden club of <i>u'u</i> style. This came to the museum in 1823 from Christopher W Nockells who travelled in the Pacific from 1816-23.</p>	
Have any aspects of the collection been published? Please provide bibliographic references if available.	
<p>Reid, R W (1912), <i>Illustrated Catalogue of the Anthropological Museum, University of Aberdeen</i>, p294 (ABDUA:4118)</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>	