



# University of Aberdeen Museums New Britain Collection



# COLLECTIONS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

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<b>Title of the Collection</b>	New Britain collection, Aberdeen University Museums
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<p>There are four items from New Britain.</p> <p>Three items were collected by Sir William MacGregor who was Administrator and then Lieutenant-Governor of British New Guinea from 1888-98. From MacGregor are two stone axe heads and a club consisting of a narrow wooden shaft with stone head.</p> <p>There is a barkcloth mask (ABDUA: 102000) from the Baining people of the Gazelle Peninsula in East New Britain. The mask dates from the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, and would have been worn as part of ceremonial dances performed by men at night. It has black and red decoration applied with ink.</p>	
Have any aspects of the collection been published? Please provide bibliographic references if available.	
<p>Gathercole, P &amp; 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>	