



Club

Date

1600-1800

Primary Maker

Nuu-chah-nulth (Nootka)

Medium

Whale jaw bone

Description

Clubs made from whale bone have their origins among the Nuu-Chah-Nulth (Nootka) people on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Whaling was central to Nuu-Chah-Nulth culture and the use of whale bone to create such a formidable weapon reveals their ingenuity. This elaborately carved club depicts a stylized bird with a small animal in its beak.

Dimensions

Overall: 2 × 23 1/2 × 7/8 in. (5.1 × 59.7 × 2.2 cm)