



## Sword Mass Called Kerepa Culture Massim, Trobriand Islands, Milne Bay, Papua 19th Ce



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

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### Description

**SWORD MASS** called Kerepa

Massim culture, Trobriand Islands, Milne Bay province, Papua New Guinea

Late 19th century

Wood and pigments

H.: 66; L.: 8 cm

Club in the shape of a sword ending in three prongs, the middle of which is sculpted with an anthropomorphic face. The wooden blade is entirely incised with doka and two snakes. The handle itself features a stylized serpent's head. These clubs were intended to put an end to the societal problems in the village. It is said that the more finely they were engraved, the more their power was effective.

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Handwritten collection number: 24.

It could be a note from WJ Thomson  
(1841-1909), he was treasurer on the Mohican in  
1866.

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