



Fly-Whisk

Date

1834-1836

Medium

Fur, hide

Description

Zulu Kavakluse or fly whisk made from a Jackal tail. Flywhisks have a range of functions beyond their practical use in keeping insects from landing on the face and head, wiping sweat or creating a cool breeze. Flywhisks are also a sign of official and ceremonial power and form a basic part of a traditional healer's equipment. Different kinds of fly whisks are found in many societies across the world and nearly always have a big symbolic role.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 430 x 80 mm