

Basic Detail Report



Knife

Date

1700-1900

Medium

Wood, slate

Description

Wide Inuit knife made of flat slate inserted into a wooden

handle. The slate blade is flat with a wide, concave edge, one side enlarging into a point. It is set into a long, cylindrical piece of wood with rounded ends. This knife was probably used as an "ulu," a specific tool for skinning and preparing animals. Though this particular piece has a wooden handle, the handles were often made of antler. These implements were utilized most often by women, and still are used today in an updated form. This knife was probably used as an "ulu," a specific tool for skinning and preparing animals. Though this particular piece has a wooden handle, the handles were often made of antler. These implements were utilized most often by women, and still are used today in an updated form. North Arctic.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 151 x 93 x 26 mm