Basic Detail Report



Box

Date

1800-1900

Medium

Wood, shell

Description

Treasure box carved to store treasures such as jade

ornaments, combs and feathers. Treasure boxes were often hung from the rafters of the chief's house and were carved underneath where designs could be seen. This one was possibly carved by a European or by an inexperienced Maori carver as the style of the decorations, the design elements and the carving techniques used are very crude. Oceania/Maori.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 615 x 130 mm