



Tattooing-Instrument

Date

1775-1840

Medium

Wood, shell/bone, coconut fibre

Description

Tattooing comb of wood with a bone blade lashed to the handle by coconut fibre. The blade is still stained by the candlenut soot pigment used in the tattooing process. The teeth are tapped into the surface of the skin with a small mallet, depositing the pigment under the surface of the skin. Polynesia.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 140 x 45 x 21 mm