



Fiji I ULA DRISA from the Burns Family Massacre

A fine, functional, short throwing-club with a rounded head and engraved grip or I ULA DRISA. The ula are heavy-headed short clubs used both as a hand-club and as a thrown weapon. A properly thrown ula can hit its target more than 15 meters away. The ula are specific to Fiji in Western Polynesia, although Tongan examples are known.

This precise example has a very specific history as it was used in the so-called "Burns family massacre" in 1873 and collected from the site in the aftermath of the terrible event.

Fiji, Polynesia

Ironwood (*casuarina equisetifolia*) with a patina of age and usage.

39,5 x 10 cm

XIXth century or earlier

Literature:

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