

	Object:	Rostrum of a sawfish
	Museum:	Museum Ulm Marktplatz 9 89073 Ulm (0731) 161-4330 info.museum@ulm.de
	Collection:	Project for the reappraisal of the collections from colonial contexts
	Inventory number:	2022.10832

Description

Rostrum of a sawfish with 60 teeth. The saw is separated from the cranium of the animal.

The rostrum originates together with another one from the Ulm pharmacy "Kronenapotheke". Its furnishing and laboratory were a gift of the pharmacist and then museum director Gustav Leube to the Gewerbemuseum Ulm (Museum of Applied Arts Ulm) in 1901. There is no precise information on the origin of the object.

The engagement in plants, animals and minerals was part of the everyday work of European pharmacists since the Early Modern Age. Many pharmacists compiled extensive natural history collections that not only served medical and pharmaceutical research but also comparative studies in natural history and pursued the purpose of collecting and preserving. Exotic animals and plants from the collections also served in the pharmacies as typical decoration objects that decorated the ceilings and walls of the pharmacies. In this way the rostrum was exhibited in the Gewerbemuseum within the furnishing of the Kronenapotheke.

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Cartilage, skin, tooth
Measurements:	L 70 cm, W 6 cm

Events

Collected	When	19. century
	Who	

Owned	Where	
	When	Until 1901
	Who	Gustav Leube (1836-1913)
	Where	Ulm
[Relation to person or institution]	When	
	Who	Gewerbemuseum Ulm
	Where	

Keywords

- Koloniale Kontexte
- Naturalien
- Pharmacy