

	<p>Object: Spear</p> <p>Museum: Museum Ulm Marktplatz 9 89073 Ulm (0731) 161-4330 info.museum@ulm.de</p> <p>Collection: Project for the reappraisal of the collections from colonial contexts</p> <p>Inventory number: 1930.7019</p>
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Description

A spear made from palm wood with black, white and red ornaments. Its wooden pike ends in serrated barbs; beneath the barbs are remains of a tuft of plant fibre. The end of the shaft is formed club-shaped. In the inventory this spear is described as "Buka spear", what indicates an origin from the northern Salomon Islands (Buka Island). More likely, however, is an origin on the island of New Guinea or the Bismarck Archipelago. Such richly decorated spears were used as dance or ceremonial spears.

The object comes from the collection of pharmacist, writer and doctor Albert Daiber (1857 - 1928), who undertook a journey to the South Seas from April to September 1900, which took him to then German and British colonial territories. Stops included Australia, the Bismarck Archipelago, the eastern part of the island of New Guinea, the Caroline Islands, the Mariana Islands and China (Hong Kong). Daiber described his experiences in the published travelogue "Eine Australien- und Südseefahrt" from 1902. In 1909, Albert Daiber emigrated to Chile. Beforehand he has given the collected objects from his voyage to Otto Leube in Ulm, who initially stored the collection and after Albert Daiber's death gave it to the Museum of the City of Ulm as a deposit in 1930.

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Palm wood, plant fibre
Measurements:	L 228 cm, DIA 1 - 2,5 cm

Events

Created	When	1900
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	Who	
	Where	Papua New Guinea
Owned	When	1900s
	Who	Albert Daiber (1857-1928)
	Where	
Owned	When	1909-1930
	Who	Otto Leube (1870-1964)
	Where	Ulm
[Relationship to location]	When	
	Who	
	Where	Melanesia
[Relationship to location]	When	
	Who	
	Where	Insular Oceania

Keywords

- Ceremony
- Colonialism
- Colony
- Koloniale Kontexte
- Kolonialzeit
- Spear

Literature

- Daiber, Albert (1902): Eine Australien- und Südseefahrt. Leipzig