

	<p>Object: Chest ornament</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: 1930.7067</p>
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## Description

Chest ornament for men from the northern coast of Papua New Guinea; from the region of Aitape in the Yotafa Bay, previously Humboldt Bay (between Djajapura and Wewak). The heart-shaped object consists out of a rattan mesh and sector-shaped insets from boar's tusks. The mesh is coated with resin in which originally the seeds of the jequirity bean / rosary pea (*Abrus precatorius*) were pressed in. Yet these fell off. The resin sections are edged with a decoration that consists out of cords on which shells of the casket nassa sea snail (*Nassarius arcularia*) are threaded. On top, there is a thicker cord that was hung around the neck; below and sideways there are many thinner plant fibre cords applied.

This type of chest ornament was widespread on the north coast of New Guinea, worn for celebrations and also had the function of a badge of rank. The number of boar's teeth reflected the prestige of the wearer. Only men were allowed to wear boar's teeth.

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: Nassa sea snail shells, plant fibre, boar's teeth, resin  
Measurements: H 28 cm, W 24 cm

## Events

Created	When	1900
	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
[Relationship to location]	When	
	Who	
	Where	Aitape

## Keywords

- Brustschmuck
- Colonialism
- Colony
- Koloniale Kontexte
- Kolonialzeit

## Literature

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