Object: Ancestral figure

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Collection: Project for the reappraisal of the collections from colonial contexts

Inventory 1930.7027
number:

Description

Carved ancestral figure made from wood with red painting from the region of the lower Sepik. It is an elongated, stylised male figure. The forehead runs out into a tip and is layered by a stylised snake; a loincloth from plant fibre (torn) twines round the hip and the genital.

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: Wood; carved
Measurements: H 90 cm, W 10 cm

Events

Created When 1900

Who

Where Sepik-Gebiet

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

When

Where Melanesia

[Relationship

to location]

Who

Where Insular Oceania

[Relationship

to location]

Who

When

Where Unterer Sepik

[Relationship

to location]

When

Who

Where Papua New Guinea

Keywords

- Colonialism
- Colony
- Koloniale Kontexte
- Kolonialzeit
- Sculpture

Literature

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