

	Object: Axe / club
	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: 1919.4370

Description

Axe with a wooden handle that tapers off and ends in a pommel. The head section consists of a horse's jawbone with teeth. The bone is fixed to the shaft by bast fibre. The lower end of the handle, above the pommel, is wrapped with a leather band that forms a loop. Around the handle two cuffs from different snakeskins are sewed. Although the blade has the form of an axe, it is blunt and it is assumed that the weapon was used rather as a club or a mace.

The axe comes probably from South America. It could origin in the Gran Chaco region and was donated to the Gewerbemuseum (Museum of Applied Arts) Ulm in 1919 by Karl Kärcher (1882 - 1968). Kärcher was teacher of industrial arts in Ulm (1908 - 1918) and from 1918 on director of the industrial school in Bad Cannstatt. From where and when he obtained the object is not clarified.

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Wood, bone, leather, teeth, plant fibre
Measurements:	L 48 cm (handle); L 21 cm, B 10 cm (head section)

Events

Created	When	Before 1919
	Who	
	Where	Gran Chaco
Owned	When	Before 1920
	Who	Karl Kärcher (1882-1968)

	Where	
[Relationship to location]	When	
	Who	
	Where	South America
[Relationship to location]	When	
	Who	
	Where	Argentina
[Relationship to location]	When	
	Who	
	Where	Paraguay
[Relationship to location]	When	
	Who	
	Where	Bolivia
[Relation to person or institution]	When	
	Who	Gewerbemuseum Ulm
	Where	

Keywords

- Axe
- Club
- Koloniale Kontexte
- Weapon