

	<p>Object: Carrying bowl (finola)</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: 1930.7054</p>
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Description

A boat-shaped carrying bowl, so-called "finola", from the Kaniet Islands. The bowl has an oval basic form with pointy ends on both sides that are encompassed by open-work carvings. On the outside, there are six slots each. The edges are decorated with chip carvings. Several twisted coconut fibre strings extend from one end of the bowl to the other. The cords run parallel towards the middle where they are partly crossed and intertwined.

Finolas are carrying bowls that are used for the transport of different utensils like betel supplies, fishhooks or other personal items on the Kaniet Islands. Men exclusively used them. The open-work carvings at the ends are similar to the decorated bow and stern of the canoes on Kaniet. The coconut fibre strings have the function of a handle and serve as well to prevent the items from falling out. Big exemplars of the finola (up to a meter of length) were also used during birth ceremonies to wash the newborns in it.

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, plant fibre; carved, braided

Measurements:

L 90 cm, H 16 cm, W 16 cm

Events

Created	When	1900
	Who	
	Where	Kaniet Islands
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	Insular Oceania
[Relationship to location]	When	
	Who	
	Where	Melanesia
[Relationship to location]	When	
	Who	
	Where	Papua New Guinea
[Relationship to location]	When	
	Who	
	Where	Bismarck Archipelago

Keywords

- Colonialism
- Colony
- Container
- Koloniale Kontexte
- Kolonialzeit

Literature

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