



'Akau-t or Pakipaki (war club)

Date
after 1770

Primary Maker
Unknown artist, Polynesian

Medium
Ironwood, also known as toa wood (casuarina equisetifolia or she-

oak)

Description
Tongan club, paddle type. Tongan term: 'Akau' or 'Pakipaki.' Likely used for ceremonial purposes due to its paddle-like shape. Similar clubs with blunt ends were used for war.

Dimensions
Overall: 36 x 4 3/4 x 1 1/4 in. (91.4 x 12.1 x 3.2 cm)