



# Ladle

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## Not on display

**Title/Description:** Ladle

**Born:** 1800 - 1899

**Object Type:** Implement

**Materials:** Gourd, Gum, Pigment, Wood

**Measurements:** h. 228 x w. 120 x d. 190 mm

**Accession Number:** 171

**Historic Period:** 19th century

**Production Place:** Admiralty Islands, Matankor, Oceania, Pacific

**Credit Line:** Donated by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1973

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The Admiralty Islands are renowned for the large double-handled bowls which were made by the Matankor people of Lou Island, south-east of Manus (Buhler, 1935: 20). However, smaller ladles were also made in the same region. In this example the wood handle is gummed securely to the gourd bowl, and although elegant in its present form, it is likely that at one time there was a low openwork frieze of carving around the outer curve of the handle.

Steven Hooper, 1997

Entry taken from *Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection, Vol. 2: Pacific, African and Native North American Art*, edited by Steven Hooper (Yale University Press, 1997) p. 64.

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## Provenance

Acquired by the Sainsbury Family in 1971. Donated to the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia in 1973 as part of the original gift.

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