

La collection des outils en pierre polie de la Nouvelle Guinée au Musée Ethnographique (Budapest): les collections de Fenichel et Biró. / A Néprajzi Múzeum (Budapest) Új-Guineai csiszolt kőeszközei (Fenichel és Biró gyűjtemény)

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Abstract: At the end of the 19th century, between 1891 and 1893 the young Hungarian archaeologist Samuel Fenichel collected 315 polished stone implements (42 with wooden handle) in Astrolabe Bay, Northeast New Guinea. Because of his death in 1893, his work and his collection became unfinished. His compatriot, Lajos Biró decided to carry on with his researches, previously on the same area, after on other parts of the island. He worked in New Guinea from 1896 until 1901. The stone implements disappeared in the meantime, so he didn't collect so many objects as his predecessor, but - while Fenichel hadn't any notices about the objects, he recorded all about the craftsmanship of stone adzes. The two collections together offers a unique opportunity to study the making and use of stone axes and adzes at the moment of their "transformation". The collection was never published: this paper is an attempt to present it.