

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Souvenir of Albany

**Date**

1950 - 1970s

**Medium**

Sperm whale tooth

**Dimensions**

Overall: 150 x 40 mm, 0.15 kg

**Name**

Whale tooth

**History**

Albany is the oldest British settlement on the Western Australia coast. By the 1970s it was a long established holiday resort, which created a demand for souvenirs from the region. The Cheyne Beach Whaling Company's station at nearby Frenchman's Bay was an important secondary industry and was the last surviving shore-based whaling operation in the southern hemisphere. All other whaling stations in Australia were closed in 1963 after the humpback whale was found to be in danger of extinction. The Albany station continued until 1978.