

Moko: Maori tattooing in the 20th century.

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Some Māori with moko were murdered and their heads sold as souvenirs.

Traditional Maori Tattoos

There were generally only men that had full facial moko, though high-ranked women often had moko on their lips and chins.

Review: Tā moko as much about Māori identity as it is about body art

Maori tattoo and Social status Only people of rank or status were allowed to possess and will afford to possess tattoos.

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In contrast to the more usual tattoo, tā moko is a form of scarification with deep grooved furrows dyed with dark pigments. While the needle is faster and more precise, hand tools bring the ritual more in line with how it was done traditionally.

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