Photos of Kula Valuables Returned to Communities in Milne Bay Province

The ASAO GRIKPIC Grant for 2017 was awarded to Susanne Kuehling for returning photographs of kula valuables to the island communities involved in kula exchange in Milne Bay Province, PNG. The elders of the region asked for this project to return the knowledge that Kuehling and her team had collected (over 1000 images), to encourage the continuation of kula exchanges by educating younger people about the objects.

Kuehling's own research funding covered collection of the photographs and preparing the posters. GRIKPIC funding was requested to print and laminate approximately 100 posters displaying the photos and send the posters by mail to be distributed. When it became clear that it would take significantly more time and resources to produce the posters in hard copy, Kuehling distributed the posters electronically instead, with no costs.

