



Society Archipelago, Island Of Tahiti, Early 20th Century, Gray Basalt Pestle.



750 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Stone

Width : 13,9

Height : 19,5 cm

Description

Society Archipelago, island of Tahiti, early 20th century, very pretty pestle, penu in Tahitian, in gray basalt whose function was to reduce the pulp of fruits and tubers to a paste on wooden crushing boards or tables "papahia". This "penu" was sculpted from a block of stone then cut with an adze to roughen it and finally finished in its final form by a long process of abrasion. The top part is decorated with a phallic motif. The lower part is the perfect shape for its use. Wear around the edges confirms age and confirms regular use over a long period.

Height 19.5 cm. Width 13.9 cm. The scale indicator in the last photograph is a small model of a lighter from a brand known to everyone.

Good condition. Normal wear and tear contributing to the beauty of the piece.

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