



Peru, Moche Culture, Bone Spatula

550 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bone



Description

Spatula Adorned with a Human Head

Moche Culture, Peru 100-800 AD

Bone

Height: 12 cm

Provenance: Private collection, New York,
acquired in the 1990s

Spatulas like this one were used in coca rituals,
believed to facilitate communication with
ancestors and spirits from the beyond. A similar
bone spatula is held in the British Museum (inv.
Am,+.6383).

This example is adorned with a male head,
displaying features typical of Moche

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iconography, such as almond-shaped eyes, a hooked nose, a frontal headband, and a pouch-like hairstyle. These characteristics can be seen on numerous other Moche objects, such as those in the British Museum (inv. Am1962,05.1; inv. Am1930,Foster.9; inv. Am1909,1218.4).