



## Traditional Fishing Harpoon Tip - Bismarck Archipelago (papua New Guinea)

500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

Length : 39.5 cm



### Description

Traditional Melanesian Fishing Spear Head -  
Bismarck Archipelago (Papua New Guinea) -  
Late 19th / Early 20th Century

A rare multi-pronged fishing spear head (leister) from the Bismarck Archipelago, most likely New Britain or New Ireland, Papua New Guinea. Handcrafted with bone or fish-spine prongs, bound with plant fibre and natural resin, and decorated with small white shell beads and red glass trade beads. These ornamental details indicate a prestige or ceremonial example rather than a purely utilitarian tool.

Beautifully preserved, with intact binding, resin, and decoration. A fine and authentic example of Oceanic craftsmanship.

Length: 39.5 cm

Materials: bone or fish spine, wood, plant fibre,

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resin, beads

Condition: very good, minor wear consistent with  
age

Period: late 19th - early 20th century

Origin: Bismarck Archipelago, Papua New  
Guinea