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,

Dealer

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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