



Lime Spatula, Collingwood Bay, Papua New Guinea, Oceania

450 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Solid wood

Length : 33 cm

Description

This lime spatula is carved from carefully polished hardwood. It comes from Collingwood Bay, on the northeast coast of Papua New Guinea. The object's slender shape is accentuated by a decoration alternating natural areas and flat washes of mineral pigments in shades of ochre, reddish-brown, and dark brown. The upper end, engraved with geometric patterns--chevrons and regular hatching--shows an old break. A utilitarian object linked to the preparation and use of lime, this spatula demonstrates a mastery of craftsmanship characteristic of 19th-century Oceanic production. An old label on the back indicates its origin as "New Guinea."

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