



Trolling Lure Hook Known As An Ipa Or Aipa - French Polynesia - XIXth Century



420 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

Trolling lure hook known as an Ipa or Aipa Tuamotu Islands or Society Islands, French Polynesia 19th century Mother-of-pearl, copper, horsehair and cotton H: 12; W: 1.5 cm A hook depicting a stylised fish, whose body--carved from a section of mother-of-pearl with a pinkish sheen--evokes the hook shank and scales, and whose tail is represented by two tufts of brown horsehair. The copper barb is a reused ship's nail, attached to the shank with cotton thread.

Bibliography: A similar specimen is held at the Linden Museum in Stuttgart under inventory number 005619. Ref.: 6972 Text and photos © FCP CORIDON

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