



## Kina Collection, Papua New Guinea, Oceania



1 000 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Nacre

Width : 15, 18 et 21 cm

### Description

Collection of three mother-of-pearl kina, cut in the shape of a crescent from a pearl oyster (*Pinctada maxima*), polished and pierced to be worn as pendants; two examples feature openwork collar-like motifs. Used in the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea, these objects are both ornaments and currencies. Obtained through barter networks from coastal regions, their rarity gives them a high social value. They are used in exchanges, alliances between clans and matrimonial dowries. The kina gave its name to today's national currency. Very well preserved.

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