



## Calabash Ritual Instrument - Ceremonial Aerophone



5 800 EUR

Signature : Collecte de terrain

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Length : 60 cm

### Description

Papua / Indonesia (Irian Jaya - Una group)XXe centuryFurnished natural calabashLength: 60 cmDESCRIPTIONImportant calabash instrument of elongated, tapered form, displaying a remarkable formal presence.The carefully hollowed-out object features a warm brown patina surface. It is pierced by a lateral perforation, a decisive element attesting to an aerophone (wind instrument) function, with the calabash acting as a resonance box.This feature clearly distinguishes the piece from a simple penis case, to which it may have been assimilated by formal analogy.PARTICULARITY - PUBLISHED EXAMPLEThis object is reproduced in the reference book "TRIBES - The First People" by Jean-Pierre Dutilleux.It appears there under the designation "penis

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sheath". However, direct observation of the piece - notably the presence of a functional lateral perforation - now allows us to propose a revised reading of it as a sound instrument (aerophone).

**ETHNOGRAPHICAL SCOPE** Elong gourd forms are well attested in Papua (Irian Jaya, Una group), where they can serve multiple functions. The present piece illustrates the porosity of ancient ethnographic classifications and testifies to a likely ritual or sonic use.

**PROVENANCE** Collection Jean-Pierre Dutilleux Collected during field missions

**EXHIBITION** Presented in the exhibition "Monde Premier" (Belgium, 2018)

**STATUS** Very good used condition.