



Kina - Highlands Wedding Necklace



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Signature : Collecte de terrain

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Description

Papua New Guinea, HighlandsXXe centurySpectacular kina marine shell ceremonial pendant, carved from a nautilus valve and sculpted into a broad crescent, an emblematic form of prestige coins from the Highlands of Papua New Guinea.The finely polished surface has a remarkable old patina, enriched with residual traces of ritual red pigments, testifying to prolonged ceremonial use.In Highlands societies, these shells constituted one of the highest forms of traditional wealth, used during major exchanges:- matrimonial dowries- social compensations- political transactions between groupsThe present specimen is distinguished by:- its large size (22 × 10 cm), characteristic of high-ranking pieces- the thickness and regularity of its size- an authentic patina of useThe pendant

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is suspended from a woven textile band, adorned with cowrie shells, two side appendages and at the top of the band original preserved dried leaf fragments.

PROVENANCEJean-Pierre Dutilleux Collection
Object collected during field missions in Papua New Guinea

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"This wedding necklace is made from a nautilus shell of great value in the high mountains of New Guinea. This is the published piece."

EXHIBITIONLe Monde Premier, Belgium, 2018

COMPARAISONMUSÉE ALEA comparable example is preserved in the Musée de Nouvelle-Calédonie.

DIMENSIONSShell: 215 mm wide × 170 mm high
Thickness 6 to 7 mm at most

STATUSVery good overall condition
Traces of ritual pigments preserved