



Nose Ornament Called Bipane Asmat Culture, Papua Shell, Resin And Plant Fibers



520 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

NOSE ORNAMENT called Bipane Asmat culture, Papua Shell, resin and plant fibers. H. : 6 ; L. : 14cm (native restoration) This important body ornament/body adornment is carved from two spiral-cut shell sections and assembled with vegetable gum - it has been consolidated by a bond of vegetable fibers. The inner concave part is white and smooth, while the convex outer shell retains its natural colors. "Men wear a chiselled nautilus shell on their nose. The nautilus shell is chiseled to resemble a wild boar. [...] The Asmats have become head-hunters to honor their dead and cannibals to absorb the power of their victims." Tribes of the First People, Jean-Pierre Dutilleux. Provenance: Former Jean-Pierre Dutilleux collection. Ref. 21.2 Text and photos ©

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