



Shaman's Bag - Mehinaku Indians, State Of Mato Grosso, Central-western Brazil



680 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

SHAMAN'S BAG Mehinaku Indians, Mato Grosso State, Central-Western Brazil
Wood and plant fibres
L: 62.5 cm
A ritual pouch made of cotton fibres woven onto thin wooden rods, decorated with red stripes using a plant-based dye, held together by a string of rolled tobacco sticks. These were burned during rituals to purify against invisible dangers before ceremonies and to unite the participants. A ball of beeswax and a bar of crushed guarana are also included in the set. The former was used to exorcise evil spirits, whilst the latter facilitated entering a trance and accessing the spirit world.
Provenance:- Formerly in the collection of Walter and Silvana Costa, São Paulo, Brazil.- Formerly in a private collection, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.- Formerly in a private American collection.
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