



Dagger Made Of Cassowary Or Human Bone



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

Asmat culture, West Papua (Irian Jaya), Indonesia. Carved bone (casuarina or human, according to Jean-Pierre Dutilleux), plant fibers, organic elements. Jean-Pierre Dutilleux Collection, assembled during field missions. Specimen reproduced in TRIBES - The First People? DESCRIPTION: Asmat ceremonial dagger carved from a long bone, described by Jean-Pierre Dutilleux as possibly being of cassowary or human origin. The blade, naturally tapered and slightly curved, features a finely polished antique surface, revealing a beautiful patina from use. The upper part is adorned with plant fiber bindings and decorative organic elements, giving the piece a particularly striking visual presence. Within Asmat culture, these daggers hold an important place in the realms of

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warfare, ceremony, and symbolism. Specimens preserved with documented field provenance remain rare on the market. ?PROVENANCE AND PUBLICATION Jean-Pierre Dutilleux Collection, assembled during ethnographic expeditions in West Papua. This dagger is reproduced in the reference work TRIBES - The First People, where it is described as a "cassowary or human bone dagger."