



Important Rattle - Shaman's Gourd - Canela Indians, State Of Maranhão, Amazon Region



820 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

Important SHAMAN'S GURGLE -
GOURD
Canela Indians, State of Maranhão,
Amazon region, North-East Brazil
Wood, gourd,
pigments, horn and fibres
H.: 33 cm (excluding
pendants); Diam.: 18 cm
Large rattle consisting of
a hollowed-out calabash and a cylindrical wooden
handle. The musical instrument is heavily filled
with seeds and sand and features an openwork
design painted with genipap - a fruit whose pulp
is characterised by black pigments - arranged
around a geometric frieze. A strap of braided red
cord, adorned with horn beads - likely from a
tapir. Collected in situ by the renowned
ethnographer and indigenist João Américo Peret
in the late 1950s. Provenance:- Former collection
of João Américo Peret, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.-
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