



Serpentine Stone Axe Head On A Base



375 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Stone

Width : 10

Height : 25

Depth : 6

Description

Origin: Papua New Guinea Period: 19th century or earlier Dimensions: 25.4 cm (H) x 10.2 cm (W) x 6.4 cm (W) Magnificent stone adze head, of New Guinean origin, featuring a stepped pattern and a blade edge that is still sharp at the tip. Carved from superb serpentine stone, it bears incredible signs of use and numerous natural inclusions. A label bearing the inscription "To be kept for DN" is affixed to the back, likely referring to Douglas Newton, former curator of the Museum of Primitive Art in New York--which aligns with the period and provenance. A remarkable example of ancient utilitarian weaponry, dating from the 19th century or much earlier. Provenance: the famous Jolika Collection, owned by John and Marcia Friede--the majority of which was bequeathed to

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the De Young Museum in San Francisco, forming
the core of its collection.