



Marquesas Islands - Polynesia - Three "kea Tuki" Pestles Made Of Volcanic Basalt - 19th Century



450 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Stone

Height : 15

Description

Marquesas Islands, Polynesia. Three "Kea Tuki" pestles made of volcanic basalt, 19th century. Set of three Marquesan pestles made of volcanic basalt, preserved in a fragmented state. These pestles were traditionally used to prepare popoï, a fermented paste made from uru, the fruit of the breadfruit tree, a staple food in Polynesian culture. The three pieces vary in shape and size. They bear an old label with the handwritten inscription "Taaoa Valley," providing an interesting indication of the set's geographical origin. 19th century. Height: 8.5 cm, 12 × 15.5 cm. Provenance: private collection in Sologne, by inheritance. Set appraised by Christian-Hervé Njiensi, expert in African Primitive Arts and Civilizations. Bibliography: José Garanger, catalog of the Musée de l'Homme dedicated to

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