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Boar's Tusk, Currency, Vanuatu, Oceania, Primitive Art



1 800 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Length : 51 cm

Diameter : 11 cm

Description

Rare Stage "ALA" More than one and a half turns, aligned as they grewLength 51 cm Diameter 11 cmInner diameter 6 cmThese teeth are used as currency. These ornaments are worn around the arms and as breastplates.They hold great symbolic and sacred value.The pig is at the heart of Vanuatu's traditional social system.Pigs are raised to obtain this rare tusk, which is exchanged for a promotion in rank, to be initiated into secrets, to get married, or to pay off a debt... The rank system increases one's power in the world of the living and influence in the world of the dead. A person is permitted to wear the adornments corresponding to their rank.The curved boar's tusk is one of Vanuatu's emblems.It appears on the national flag

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