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Scrimshaw, A Tabua Carved From Sperm Whale Tooth.



880 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Ivory

Length : 15,3cm

Description

A beautiful tabua made of marine ivory (sperm whale tooth) with a necklace made of plant fibers. This scrimshaw originally belonged to a sailor on a whaling ship; he had begun engraving the British flag on it before likely trading it with an islander. Fiji Islands, Polynesia. Marine ivory, plant fiber, signs of age. Length: 15.3 cmTabua necklaces,made from ivory from the sperm whale's lower jaw, wereprecious objects, passed down from generation to generation. Theyserved as currency--during yaqona ceremonies,to seal contracts or promises--or even asmarriage tokens.Fiji Islands, Polynesia Marine ivory, plant fibers, signs of age

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