Pig's-tooth Ornament, Melanesia, Vanuatu

350 EUR



Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Width : 10,5 cm

Description

Body ornament made from a pig's tusk, which grows from the lower incisors. To achieve this characteristic circular shape, the animal's upper incisors were deliberately broken; unable to feed itself, the pig then had to be fed by the women of the group. These pigs with curved teeth acquired great symbolic and ceremonial value. Sacrificed during major events, their tusks were used primarily to make body ornaments. A comparable object is held in the collections of the Musée du quai Branly under inventory number 72.1953.1.17Vanuatu, 20th century. In very good condition; the tip of the tusk was polished in the past.

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