Pig's-tooth Ornament, Melanesia, Vanuatu



200 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Diameter : 10 cm

Description

Body ornament made from a pig's tusk, which grew 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 tusks acquired great symbolic and ceremonial value. Sacrificed during major events, their tusks were used primarily to make body ornaments. Vanuatu, 20th century. In very good condition; the tip of the tooth was polished in the past.

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