Pig's Tooth Bracelet, Melanesia, Vanuatu



200 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Width : 8,5 cm

Description

Bracelet made from a pig's tusk derived from the growth of 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. Vanuatu, 20th century. In very good condition with a patina from use. The tip of the tooth was polished in the past.

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