Tabua, Sperm Whale Tooth, Scrimshaw. Fiji Islands, 19th Century.



850 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Ivory

Length : 15cm

Description

Tabua made of marine ivory (sperm whale tooth) with a necklace made of coconut fibers. Fiji Islands, Polynesia. Length: 15 cmTabua necklaces, made from ivory from the lower jaw of the sperm whale, were precious objects passed down from generation to generation. They served as a form of currency--during yaqona ceremonies, to seal contracts or promises--or as marriage tokens. Fiji Islands, Polynesia.

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