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Lime Spatula - Aire Massim, Southeast Of Papua New Guinea - XIXth Century



800 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

Lime spatula

Massim area, South East Papua New Guinea

19th century

Wood

H. 27.5 ; W 4.2 ; D 0.7 cm

(accident at the lower end of the spatula)

Wooden spatula with a dark and shiny patina, lightening and graining on the lower part, as a testimony of its use.

It is carved on both sides with two stylized avian figures facing each other. The linear details are finely perforated and incised.

This utilitarian object refers to a common practice among Melanesians: the chewing of lime.

Lime is obtained by burning shells and coral. Its

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composition is therefore white and powdery.
Spatulas were used as utensils for taking, dosing
and placing the preparation on the betel leaves.

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