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Lime Spatula - Southeast Of Papua New Guinea - Second Half Of The Nineteenth Century



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

Lime spatula

Massim Area, South East Papua New Guinea

Second half of the 19th century

Wood

H. 32 ; W 3 ; D 2 cm

(old accident at the lower end of the spatula)

Elegant spatula whose handle is carved, at the top, with a wider section animated by a janiform anthropomorphic figure.

The junction with the spatula is made in a linear detachment.

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

Lime is obtained by burning shells and coral. Its composition is therefore white and powdery. The

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spatulas were used as utensils for taking, dosing
and placing the preparation on the betel leaves.

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