

Ancestral carved wooden food hook - Sepik River Papua New Guinea

Sold



REF: 5078

Height: 73 cm (28.7")

Width: 20 cm (7.9")

Depth: 8 cm (3.1")

Description

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This piece would hang from the ceiling for suspending baskets that contained food or valuables to protect them from rodents or other pests.

Sepik River food hooks, crafted by indigenous peoples of Papua New Guinea, are traditional wooden tools used for hanging or storing food. Often intricately carved with symbolic patterns or figures, these hooks reflect the artistic and cultural practices of the Sepik River region, blending functionality with spiritual and communal significance.

This is one of part of a collection purchased from the estate of a collector of original tribal artefacts.