

Finch & C^o



A TONGAN TROLLING LURE

A TONGAN TROLLING LURE , CARVED FROM WHALEBONE AND TURTLE SHELL TIED WITH PLAITED BARK FIBRE

MID 19 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 9 CM HIGH – 3½ INS HIGH

LITERATURE

BY TROLLING WITH THESE LURE HOOKS FROM THE STERN OF A CANOE LARGE TUNNY AND BONITO FISH WERE CAUGHT . CAPTAIN COOK DESCRIBED THE BARBED TROLLING HOOKS ATTACHED TO BAMBOO RODS ABOUT 3 METRES LONG WITH A LINE OF THE SAME LENGTH , AS HAVING NO OTHER BAIT THAN 'A TUFT OF FLAXY STUFF NEAR THE POINT.'