

Finch & C^o



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NORTHWEST COAST OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

LATE 19 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 16 CM HIGH , 11 CM DIA (APPROX) – 6½ INS HIGH , 4¼ INS DIA (APPROX)

LITERATURE

THE ART OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHWEST COASTAL AREA OF NEW GUINEA IS A REFINED MIX OF THE SOUTH EAST ASIAN INFLUENCES OF WESTERN NEW GUINEA AND THE MORE REMOTE FORMAL ART OF THE SEPIK RIVER .

GEOGRAPHICALLY THE AREA COMPRISES A LONG STRETCH OF LOWLAND PLAINS INTERSPERSED WITH RIVERS RUNNING DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINS , ALONG THE COAST NORTH OF THE SEPIK DELTA .

THE TRIBAL ART OF THIS AREA IS VERY LITTLE KNOWN AND RARELY APPEARS ON THE OPEN MARKET . IN 1898 A GERMAN ARTEFACT COLLECTOR WAS ALREADY COMPLAINING OF THE LACK OF GOOD OLD PIECES ALONG THIS COAST !