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INSCRIBED IN WHITE PAINT 'RARATONGA H 624 HOOPER. COLL. NO 969'

18TH – 19TH CENTURY

SIZE : 6 CM DIA, 5 CM HIGH – 2¼ INS DIA, 2 INS HIGH

## **LITERATURE**

SLING STONES WERE POPULAR AS WEAPONS AND TOGETHER WITH CLUBS AND SPEARS WERE USED IN WARFARE BETWEEN, AND SOMETIMES WITHIN, TRIBES ON THE COOK ISLANDS.

BASALT STONES WERE EXCLUSIVELY USED ON RARATONGA. KNOWN AS 'TOKA MAKI' THEY WERE THROWN FROM PLAID COIR POUCHES AT GREAT SPEED AND IN PRACTISED HANDS WERE A VERY EFFECTIVE WEAPON.