

# *Finch & C<sup>o</sup>*



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KNOWN AS 'KAP KAP'

LATE 19TH CENTURY - EARLY 20TH CENTURY

SIZE : 15CM DIAMETER AND 14.5 CM DIAMETER

6 INS DIAMETER AND 5 INS DIAMETER

## **LITERATURE**

WORN BY INITIATED MEN AS A SYMBOL OF STATUS THESE PENDANTS ARE CALLED 'TEMA'. THE DISC IS MADE OF TRIDACNA, OR GIANT CLAM SHELL, PIERCED TO RETAIN THE HAWKSBILL TURTLE SHELL PANEL AND CUT TO RESEMBLE A STYLISED SILHOUETTE OF A FRIGATE BIRD BENEATH BONITO FISH, VISUALISED AS LOZENGERS. IN THE SOLOMAN ISLANDS THE FRIGATEBIRD IS ASSOCIATED WITH FISHING PROWESS, STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE.