

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



## **A FINELY TWINED SPRUCE ROOT AND MUSSEL SHELL RATTLE**

A FINELY TWINED SPRUCE ROOT AND MUSSEL SHELL, NOOTKA PEOPLES CEREMONIAL RATTLE, BRITISH COLOMBIA  
LATE 19TH CENTURY - EARLY 20TH CENTURY

SIZE : 20 CM LONG

8 INS LONG

## **LITERATURE**

MADE FROM FINELY TWINED ALTERNATING BANDS AND DYED WEFTS ENCLOSING MUSSEL SHELL SHARDS, THIS RATTLE  
WAS PROBABLY USED AS A PROPITIATING INSTRUMENT TO ACCOMPANY DANCES PERFORMED DURING POTLACH  
CEREMONIES.

RATTLES WERE IMPORTANT TO CEREMONIAL ACTIVITY FOR THEIR ABILITY TO INVOKE THE SPIRIT WORLD AND INVITE THE  
PRESENCE OF THE ANCESTORS.