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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.