

Finch & C^o



A COLLECTION OF FIVE SOLOMON ISLANDS CLAM SHELL SPINNING HOOKS

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THE SHANKS WITH SERRATED EDGES, CARVED SHELL HOOKS, COCONUT FIBRE SNOODS, TIED WITH HEMP
LATE 19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 15CMLONG – 6 INS LONG (MAX.)
11.5CMLONG – 4½ INS LONG (MIN.)

LITERATURE

IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS THE BONITO, A PREDATORY FISH RELATED TO THE TUNA IS AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FOOD.
THE PRESENCE OF A SHOAL IS INDICATED BY SEA BIRDS WHICH FOLLOW THE SMALL FISH ON WHICH THE BONITO FEED.
THE BONITO ARE CAUGHT WITH UN-BAITED SPINNING HOOKS THAT ARE TOWED BEHIND CANOES, AS THE BONITO
MISTAKE THESE SHELL HOOKS FOR SMALL FISH.