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