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EARLY 20TH CENTURY

SMALL CLAM SHELL NECK PENDANTS WERE SOMETIMES PLACED IN FRONT OF LITTLE SHRINE HUTS HOLDING THE SKULLS OF THE ANCESTORS. THESE PENDANTS WHEN WORN WOULD THEN CONVEY ANCESTRAL POWER TO ITS OWNER.

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A SOLOMON ISLANDS, MELANESIA, TURTLE SHELL, SINNET FIBRE AND SHELL MONEY DISC ORNAMENT

EARLY 20TH CENTURY

A VARIETY OF ORNAMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE MADE OF LIGHT WEIGHT TURTLE SHELL WERE WORN BY MEN AND WOMEN OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS THROUGH THE PERFORATED SEPTUM OF THE NOSE.

C

AN ADMIRALTY ISLANDS, BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO SHELL AND GLASS TRADE BEAD MAN'S EARRING

EARLY 20TH CENTURY

THE MEN OF THE ADMIRALTY ISLANDS WHEN CEREMONIALLY 'DRESSED' WERE TO EUROPEAN EYES NAKED APART FROM THEIR ADORNMENTS MADE OF SHELL, TEETH, FEATHERS, PLAITED FIBRE AND GLASS SEED BEADS.

SIZE: 4CM LONG – 1½ INS LONG (MAX)