

Finch & C^o



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TWO WITH A SINGLE PIECE TURTLE SHELL SHANK WITH A 'V' SHAPED LINE TIE, ONE WITH GLASS BEADS BOUND AS A LURE.

ANOTHER MORE UNUSUAL WITH THE SINGLE PIECE TURTLE SHELL SHANK ENGRAVED AND SHAPED TO DEPICT A FISH.

LATE 19TH – EARLY 20TH CENTURY

SIZE: 6.5CMLONG – 2½ INS LONG (MIN) 8.5CMLONG – 3¼ INS LONG (MAX)

LITERATURE

FISHING IS A MALE OCCUPATION IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS WHICH IS PRACTISED BY TROLLING OR SPINNING THE UN-BAITED HOOK FROM BEHIND A MOVING CANOE. BONITO ARE BOTH ECONOMICALLY AND RITUALLY THE MOST IMPORTANT FISH IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS THAT ARE CAUGHT WITH HOOKS SUCH AS THESE.