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SOLOMON ISLANDS TROLLING LURE FISH HOOKS

TWO SOLOMON ISLANDS TROLLING LURE FISH HOOKS
WITH CARVED TRICANDA CLAM SHELL SHANKS AND TURTLE SHELL POINTS TOGETHER
AND ANOTHER FINELY CARVED SMALL MOTHER OF PEARL FISH HOOK DECORATED WITH 3 TINY BLACK DOTS
LATE 19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 7CM LONG – 2¾ INS LONG (EACH)
2.2CM LONG – 1 INS LONG

LITERATURE

FISHING IS A MALE OCCUPATION IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS AND BONITO ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FISH BOTH RITUALLY AND ECONOMICALLY THAT ARE CAUGHT WITH HOOKS. THEY WERE CAUGHT BY TROLLING OR SPINNING FROM THE STERN OF A FAST MOVING CANOE WITH HOOKS SUCH AS THESE.
THE TINY PEARL SHELL HOOKS ARE CARVED INTO MINUTE REPRESENTATIONS OF FISH OR BIRDS, OR PERHAPS TO TRY AND MIMIC AN INSECT. THEY CAME FROM THE SOUTHERN SOLOMON ISLANDS NOTABLY ULAWA ISLAND AND WERE USED WITH A ROD UNBAITED FROM STAGES BUILT OVER THE WATER TO CATCH FISH RESEMBLING SMELT CALLED A BORMER.