

Finch & C^o



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ONE WITH ATTACHED BLACK BANANA SEEDS AND CLAM AND RED SPONDYLUS SHELL DISCS, AN OLD PAPER LABEL
INSCRIBED IN PENCIL 'SOUTH SEA BRACELET'
EARLY 20TH CENTURY
SIZES: 11CM DIA, 4¼ INS DIA – 5CM HIGH, 2 INS HIGH (MAX)

LITERATURE

WARRIOR'S ARMBANDS ARE ONE OF THE MOST HIGHLY PRIZED POSSESSIONS OF PAPUAN GULF MEN. THE BROADER AND WIDER THE BETTER AND IF THE SHELL CAN BE WORN ON THE UPPER ARM IT IS THE MOST VALUABLE. ON CERTAIN OCCASIONS YOUNG WOMEN WEAR A STRING OF THESE ARMBANDS ON THEIR CHESTS AS A DISPLAY OF WEALTH.