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## **SPECIMEN OF A SEYCHELLES 'COCO DE MER'**

A LARGE FINE SPECIMEN OF A SEYCHELLES 'COCO DE MER' OF FEMALE FORM  
19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 27CM HIGH, 29CM WIDE, 15CM DEEP – 10¼ INS HIGH, 11¼ INS WIDE, 6 INS DEEP

SEE: FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO.3, ITEM NO.35, CATALOGUE NO.15, ITEM NO.31, CATALOGUE NO.17, ITEM  
NO.50, FOR OTHER EXAMPLES

## **LITERATURE**

THE DOUBLE FORMED COCONUT OF A TALL PALM TREE INDIGENOUS TO ONLY TWO OF THE 115  
SEYCHELLES ISLANDS, 'COCO DE MER' TAKE EIGHT TO TEN YEARS TO RIPEN ON MATURE TREES THAT  
ARE WELL OVER 100 YEARS OLD.

THE SOURCE OF MANY LEGENDS AND MYSTERIES 'COCO DE MER' WERE OFTEN FOUND BY SAILORS  
FLOATING IN THE WARM CURRENTS OF THE SOUTH SEAS. THERE IS AN EXAMPLE IN ROSENBURG CASTLE  
IN THE ROYAL DANISH KUNSTKAMMER OF 1737 DESCRIBED AS 'COMPLETE, RARE AND BEAUTIFUL'.