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DOUBLE SIDED SEYCHELLES 'COCO DE MER' OF FEMALE FORM

A LARGE DOUBLE SIDED SEYCHELLES 'COCO DE MER' OF FEMALE FORM

19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 33CM HIGH, 27CM WIDE, 16CM DEEP – 13 INS HIGH, 10½ INS WIDE, 6¼ INS DEEP

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

LITERATURE

'COCO DE MER' ARE THE LARGEST KNOWN SEEDS IN THE WORLD AND TAKE 8 TO 10 YEARS TO RIPEN ON 100 YEAR OLD TALL PALM TREES THAT ARE UNIQUE AND INDIGENOUS TO ONLY TWO OF THE 115 SEYCHELLES ISLANDS. NOW PROTECTED, THEY WERE HISTORICALLY FOUND BY SAILORS FLOATING MYSTERIOUSLY IN THE WARM CURRENTS OF THE SOUTH SEAS, HENCE THEIR NAME 'COCO DE MER'.