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POSSIBLY PERUVIAN OR BOLIVIAN

19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 13.5CM LONG – 5¼ INS LONG

LITERATURE

THESE VOTIVE CARVINGS WERE KNOWN IN 16TH CENTURY SPAIN AS A 'HIGA', A FIST SHAPED AMULET THAT IS DIRECTED AGAINST THE EVIL EYE. THE THUMB AND FIRST FINGER FORMING A CHARACTERISTIC POSITION OF A 'MANO CORNUTA' OR 'POTENT GESTURE DIRECTED AGAINST EVIL'.