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DRY SURFACE WITH FINE PATINA (OLD LOSSES)

WOOD

FIJI

LATE 18TH / EARLY 19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 6CM HIGH, 44CM WIDE, 23CM DEEP - 2⅓ INS HIGH, 17⅓ INS WIDE, 9 INS DEEP / 44.5CM HIGH - 17½ INS HIGH (WITH BASE)

LITERATURE

THE FINELY CARVED SACRED 'VESI' WOOD, CLASSIC 'SPADE-FORM' DISH RAISED UPON TRIPOD FEET WITH A SQUARE HANDLE. A RICH OLD DRY PATINA HAS DEVELOPED OVER MANY YEARS OF USE FROM THE PRIEST ANOINTING HIMSELF WITH COCONUT OIL, PRIOR TO INVOKING 'HIS' GOD.

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