

Finch & C^o



AN EARLY PRIEST'S OIL DISH 'DARI NI WAIWAI NIO BETE'
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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 - 2 $\frac{1}{3}$ INS HIGH, 17 $\frac{1}{3}$ INS WIDE, 9 INS DEEP / 44.5CM HIGH - 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

PROVENANCE

EX PRIVATE ENGLISH COLLECTION

CF: FOR ANOTHER 'OIL DISH' SEE FINCH AND CO NO. 100, CATALOGUE NO. 4, 2004