



Large Tolai nassa shell ring

Item number :240553

Price : 7 200.00 € euros

Condition report : No restoration, nor repairs. Missing shells

Description :

Large circular wheel made of tiny nassa shells threaded on a fine cane called a « Loloï ». Nassa shells are currency for Tolai people and used for buying food, pigs, canoes, etc. When Tolai men have accumulated enough wealth, they made these « Loloï » which are stored away and used for other important transactions.

- Origin : Papua New Guinea
- Region, Province, City: New Britain Island, Gazelle peninsula
- Culture, Dynasty, Period: Tolai people
- Date :
 - 19th Century
 - 20th Century
- Height with base (cm): 93
- Diameter (cm): 84

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- Stand: This item comes with a custom wooden and metal stand
 - Material: Fiber, nassa shell
 - Provenance: Private French Collection

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