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CERTIFICATE

CEREMONIAL ANCESTOR PLANK OCEANIA, PAPUA– NEW GUINEA

MATERIAL AND METHOD: ritualistic and ancestral plank in engraved wood known as "Gope". Dark brown wood slightly domed with encrusted patina. Narrow oblong shape, decorated in relief with geometric motifs.

Excellent state of preservation. This piece is fixed on a base.

ORIGIN: Papua New Guinea occupies the Eastern half of the island of New Guinea. This group of 600 islands is located in the Pacific Ring of Fire. This society is perhaps one of the most traditional of the world: it is split into multiple clan groups.

This plank was placed in homes to ward off evil spirits.

MEASUREMENTS: Height: 64.5 cm (25.3")

MUSEOGRAPHY: a piece with similar iconography is exhibited at the Minneapolis Institute of Art n°83.160.5.

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