

Ancestral carved wooden food hook - Sepik River Papua New Guinea

£650



REF: 5078

Height: 73 cm (28.7")

Width: 20 cm (7.9")

Depth: 8 cm (3.1")

Description

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This piece would hang from the ceiling for suspending baskets that contained food or valuables to protect them from rodents or other pests. Often these hooks are decorated with ancestor spirits, like this figure, or clan symbols that with whom the household could commune.