

## Lot 181



**Auction** From a Universal Collector - The Olbricht Collection

**Date** 26.09.2020, ca. 12:24

**Preview** 19.09.2020 - 10:00:00 bis  
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OLD, ORNATELY DECORATED ANCESTOR SKULL NDAMBIRKUS.

Date: Papua New Guinea. Asmat. 19th-20th c.

Technique: Skull, lower jar fixed. Bees wax, rattan stripe wickerwork, abrus seeds, nose jewellery from bone, croix seeds, cockatoo feathers.

Description: Ancestor skulls are part of the daily life in Asmat culture. They were worn on a string around the neck. The men carried the skulls with them to stay in contact with the ancestors. When sleeping the skulls were used as neck support.

Measurement: H. with stand 33cm.

Condition B/C.

Provenance:

-Collected between 1968-72 in Biak on West Papua by an Austrian collector.

Estimate: 2.500 € - 3.000 €; Hammer: 2.200 €

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