

Lot 182



Auction From a Universal Collector - The Olbricht Collection

Date 26.09.2020, ca. 12:25

Preview 19.09.2020 - 10:00:00 bis
24.09.2020 - 18:00:00

OLD, ORNATELY DECORATED ANCESTOR SKULL NDAMBIRKUS.

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

Technique: Skull. Lower jaw fixed. Rotang wickerwork, abrus seeds, nose jewellery made of snail shell (bipane), headband made of croix seeds and cockatoo feathers. Dark patina from use and age.

Measurement: H. with metal base ca. 50cm.

Condition B/C.

Ancestor skulls are a part of daily life in the Asmat culture. Sometimes they were partly worn around the neck on a string and men carried the skulls with them to stay in contact with the ancestors. When sleeping the skulls were used as head rest.

Estimate: 2.200 € - 3.500 €; Hammer: 3.800 €
