

Lot 183



Auction From a Universal Collector - The Olbricht Collection

Date 26.09.2020, ca. 12:26

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

ANCESTOR SKULL NDAMBIRKUS.

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

Technique: Skull. Lower jaw kept in place by plant fibres. Residue of red pigment. Surface polished by use.

Measurement: 19x18x12cm.

Condition B/C. Enclosed: On a base.

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: 1.800 € - 2.200 €; Hammer: 2.000 €
