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General Provenience: Polynesia Easter Island

Where collected: Easter Island

Tribe:

Where made:

People:

Attribution:

Culture:

Brief description: Pendant (Tahonga)

Detailed description: Nicely carved (smooth) pendant of hard dark wood. Slightly elongated and coming to a point at lower end. Upper end has a perforation for suspension and a human head carved on a lug over the perforation. Surface of specimen has four ridges which converge on the ^{See reverse}

DIMENSIONS (in cm.): lower end and come together at the point

length: 12.5

height:

diameter:

width: 9.5

circumference:

Fuller Collection: Purchased from Captain A. W. F. Fuller of London, England, in 1958
Collected by P.H. Edmunds between 1919 and 1925.

The ridges diverge toward the top and form four arches. Mettraux (1940, p. 233) speaks of similar ornaments as having been worn by women in pairs suspended so as to hang from the wearer's neck by a rope of woman's hair. See also CNHM cat. no. 273246.

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