



### **Fiji Bone Sail Needle**

A sail-making needle or saulaca. This example is unusual as it retains a small section of the bone's articulation at the thread-hole extremity. Fiji, Polynesia. Human bone (fibula ?) with a fine patina of age and usage. A short length of native fiber is still attached to the thread-hole. 27,3 cm 18th/19th century.

### **Literature:**

See similar examples in the Fiji Museum ; The British Museum ;

Ref.: Phelps, Steven: ART AND ARTEFACTS OF THE PACIFIC, AFRICA, AND THE AMERICAS, THE JAMES HOOPER COLLECTION. Hutchinson & Co. LTD. and Christies, Manson & Woods, London. 1975.