



Kanak Chiefly Roof Spire

A superb chiefly roof spire carved in the classical manner with a large strongly stylized human face centered over an elongated oval "body" on a long thick post. The effigy of the chief wears an important multi-segment pectoral ornament carved in high relief. There is a natural aperture in the torso. Kanak.

New Caledonia, Melanesia. Wood (houp) with a weathered and ravined patination due to lengthy exposure. 217 cm height. 19th century or earlier.