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MAPPI SHIELD

A rare polychrome war-shield decorated with a complex, champ levée, motif of six three-point motifs with zigzag surrounds. The back of the shield shows a structural rib extending to both ends of the vertical handle and is painted in two-tone, red and black sections vertically. Mappi Area, Lower Digul River, Irian Jaya, Indonesian New Guinea, Melanesia. Wood and traditional pigments. 131 x 35 cm. Early 20th century.

Literature:

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