



Fiji Womans Headrest Ex Fiji Museum

A very unusual and very old headrest or ka/i, somewhat Tongan in shape with a Society island feel to it. However, it is Fijian and specifically of a type known to be reserved for the use of women. It has three small holes drilled on one foot and two on the other, again probably some form of ownership, rank or tally indicator.

Fiji, Polynesia.

Iron wood.

41.2 x 10.4 x 14.5 x 11.7 cm.

18/19th century.

Literature:

Pub. : Oceanic Headrests - Sleep with the Ancestors, Galerie Meyer, Paris, 2004, Fig. 52, p. 76