A000-Am,C-Pestle-Dove Cemi-Gray Porphyritic Andesite-1000 CE



Am,C-Pestle-Dove Cemi-Porphyritic Andesite-1000 CE

**Case No.: 17**

**Accession No.**

**Formal Label:** Am,C-Pestle-Dove Cemi-Porphyritic Andesite-1000 CE

**Display Description:**

Ceremonial *cemí* carved from porphyritic andesite with zeolite crystal inclusions in the form of possibly a dove. The wings provide three geometric forms: concentric circles for the sun god, triangles for the *conucos* or yucca mounds the source of sacred food, and spirals for the passage of wind and rain in the *hurrican* season to fructify the earth with water. In a lost mythology the bird sculptured here (probably a dove) was possibly the harbinger of the coming of the rainy *hurrican* season.

**LC Classification: F 1909**

**Date or Time Horizon: 1000 CE**

**Geographical Area:** From the Dominican Republic, i.e., Eastern Hispaniola

**Map:**



**Caribbean c 1500 after http://www.latinamericanstudies.org/maps/Ciboney-Taino-Carib-**

**GPS coordinates:**

**Cultural Affiliation: Classic Taino**

**Medium: serpentine**

**Dimensions: H 9 in**

**Weight:**

**Condition: original**

**Provenance:** From the Dominican Republic, i.e., Eastern Hispaniola

**Discussion:**

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