A000-AM,C-Taino-Pestle-Anthropomorphic-Rhyolite-1000 CE



Fig. 1. AM,C-Taino-Pestle-Anthropomorphic-Rhyolite-1000 CE

**Case No.: 18**

**Accession No.**

**Formal Label:** AM,C-Taino-Pestle-Anthropomorphic-Rhyolite-1000 CE

**Display Description:**

This Taino ceremonial cohoba pestle is small enough for individual use. This suggests that shamanic flight as induced by the hallucinogentic cohoba was accomplished by indiiduals quite apart from group ceremony.. Since the ceremonial pestle is rare among the Taino, their ownership was probably restricted to prominent *Bohiques* and *Caciques.*

This personal pestles fashioned from fine-grained rhyolite makes its surface very smooth when finished. Their subject matter ranges between anthropomorphic spirits to aviform spirits with large concave eyes, perhaps of owls.

**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:**

**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: Taino**

**Medium: rhyolite**

**Dimensions:** It measures 7.5cm or 2.9".

**Weight:**

**Condition: original**

**Provenance:**

**Discussion:**

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