A000-Am,C-Cemi-Kingfisher-Bulging Eyes-Serpentine with Mica-1000 CE



Am,C-Cemi-Kingfisher-Bulging Eyes-Serpentine with Mica-1000 CE

**Case No.: 18**

**Accession No.**

**Formal Label:** Am,C-Cemi-Kingfisher-Bulging Eyes-Serpentine with Mica-1000 CE

**Display Description:**

Because of its size this pendant was probably a point of focus piece used at specific ceremonies where Kingfisher allies were called upon for their knowledge of diving into the cosmos. Made of a green spotted serpentine. It has large coffee bean eyes and is well engraved with symbolic icons. An unusual design of a revered bird spirit.

This pendant is made of fine-grained serpentine and has a striking band of silvery mica running through it. The reflective quality was hard to capture in the photos but when turned the right way the bottom half of the pendant turns a silver color. The round bulging eyes are accentuated by crescent shaped lines.

**LC Classification: F 1909**

**Date or Time Horizon: 1000 CE**

**Geographical Area:** Originally from the Dominican Republic on the eastern end of Hispaniola

**Map:**



Fig. . Major cultural groups in the Caribbean, ca. 1492 (after Reid 2009: T-p.).

**GPS coordinates:**

**Cultural Affiliation: Taino**

**Media: serpentine with mica crystals**

**Dimensions:** length 7.4 cm. or 2.9 in.

**Weight:**

**Condition:**

**Provenance:**

**Discussion:**

**References:**

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