A000-Am,C-Taino-Cemi-Dwarf Anthropomorph-Rhyolite-1000 CE





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**Case No.: 18**

**Accession No.**

**Formal Label:** Am,C-Taino-Cemi-Dwarf Anthropomorph-Rhyolite-1000 CE

**Display Description:**

This dwarf has sunken eyes and protruding lips as though he has just experienced the effects of the spatual induced spate of vomiting. The limbs are curvilinear with hands resting on back of head. Dwarfs, were thought to possess heightened spiritual powers, so that the bulging eyes should probably be interpreted as being the metaphor for heightened spiritual vision.

The markings of the spine on the back suggest the different levels of trance states. This coincides with the choice of porphyritic rhyolite since this rock and its blotchy appearance due to crystal inclusions in the rhyolite gives the appearance of a glistening body that achieved some level of physical purging of contaminants.

**LC Classification: F1909**

**Date or Time Horizon: 1000 CE**

**Geographical Area:** Originally from the Dominican Republic

**Map:**



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

**GPS coordinates:**

**Cultural Affiliation: Sub Taino**

**Medium:** Made from Porphyritic Rhyolite

**Dimensions:**

**Weight:**

**Condition: original**

**Provenance: Dominican Repiblic**

**Discussion:**

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