A000-AM,C-Taino-Pendant-Maquetaurie Guayaba-Manatee Rib-1000 CE



Figs. 1-5. AM,C-Taino-Pendant-Maquetaurie Guayaba-Manatee Rib-1000 CE

Case No.: 18

**Accession No.**

**Formal Label:** AM,C-Taino-Pendant-Maquetaurie Guayaba-Manatee Rib-1000 CE

**Display Description:**

Eyes closed, no lips hence bared teeth and no navel which indicates this is a spirit without a beginning, a spirit of the Land of the Dead, Maquetaurie Guayaba.

**LC Classification:**

**Date or Time Horizon: 1000 CE**

According to Fray Pané, the Taino “believe there is a place where the dead go, which is called Coaybay, and it is located on one side of the island called Soraya. They say that the first person in Coaybay was one who was called Maquetaurie Guayaba (Makitori-Guarana.), who was the lord of the said Coayabay, house and dwelling place of the dead (Pané, ch. 12, 1999: 17-18). José Juan Arrom suggests Maquetaurie may be translated “without life” (ma being a negation and quetaurie “life”) and Guayaba may be translated as the fruit from the tropical tree *Psidium paniferum*. The face of the first person in Coaybay was one who was called Maquetaurie Guayaba. Because he is the Lord of the Dark recesses such as cave or of the dark forest he has wide eyes and a mouth usually without lips, and no navel, which signified him being of the nether regions and death (Arrom in Pané 1999: 18, n. 80, n. 81).

**LC Classification: F1909**

**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: Manatee rib**

**Dimensions:** 7.3cm or 2.9"

**Weight:**

**Condition: original**

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

**Discussion:**

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