A000-AM,C-Taino-Celt-Dove Cemi-Porphyritic Andesite-1000 CE



Figs. 1-3. AM,C-Taino-Celt-Dove Cemi-Porphyritic Andesite-1000 CE

Case No.: 18

**Accession No.**

**Formal Label:** AM,C-Taino-Celt-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**: F1909

**Date or Time Horizon:** 1000 CE

**Geographical Area:** Caribbean, Classic Taino Area

**Map:**



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

**GPS coordinates:**

**Cultural Affiliation:** Classic Taino

**Medium: andesite**

**Dimensions:** Length: 9 1/8 in.

**Weight:**

**Condition:** original

**Provenance:**

**Discussion:**

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