Case 18-AM,C-Taino-Ceremonial Celt

Ceremonial celts of a petuloid shape without an attached figure are highly polished of local metamorphic stone. They may have mythic significance as a celt was used to free mother tortoise, the progenitor of Mankind. They were also used for ceremonial purposes, as none have marks of use-wear. Since they were large, some, like this example, being over a foot in length, were presumably intended for élite consumption. The distribution of highly polished celts extends from the Bahamas to Trinidad, suggesting a sophisticated system of trade and exchange of élite ceremonial objects among caciques in efforts to establish alliances or exchange of such objects as means of currency (Roberts 2014: 163).



Taino Ceremonial Celt of Porphyry from the Dominican Republic. Length: 12 3/16 in.

# References:

# Roberts, Larry. 2014. *Taino Sculpture: art of the gods* (Micanopy, Florida: Signature Book Printing)

# Order details

## Sales order

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