

Basic Detail Report



Bag and Amulets

Date

20th Century

Medium

Fiber, shell, wood and stone

Description

Shaman's Ritual Magic (taro planting set?) set, from Shagur Village on the north coast of Kairuru Island, Sepik

Coast, Papua New Guinea, with bag and seven sculpted amulets. A: Figure, "Chemgau, Fainim rot," carved wood, a lizard sits on top of head, incised designs, arms straight down sides. B: Figure, "Kutnul, Taro work with stones," standing figure carved of wood, bird-like head and beak and man-like body. C: Carved stone figure, anthropomorphic, dark brown, "Rim, Kawa and buai, fasting man I kaikai w/ spell before plant taro. D: Figure carved of stone, black, brown and orange in color, "Misari, Snake- result of successful taro planting". E: Stone ball, black in color, "Kunduor, to hit a man in the chest to give strength". F: Small pebble with a face carved on one side, black stone with red pigment in crevices, "Chinchin- messenger, 2 small stones, support to go the gardens with kutnut". G: Small pebble with a carved face on one side, black in color, "Chinchin-messenger, 2 small stones, support to go the gardens with kutnut". H: Woven fiber bag with 4 sea shells attached.

Dimensions

A: 6 1/4 × 1 3/8 × 1 1/2 in. (15.9 × 3.5 × 3.8 cm) B: 7 5/8 × 2 × 1 5/8 in. (19.4 × 5.1 × 4.1 cm) C: 2 5/8 × 2 × 2 3/4 in. (6.7 × 5.1 × 7 cm) D: 4 3/4 × 3 1/8 × 3 1/2 in. (12.1 × 7.9 × 8.9 cm) E: 3 3/8 × 3 1/8 × 2 5/8 in. (8.6 × 7.9 × 6.7 cm) F: 2 1/8 × 1 1/8 × 7/8 in. (5.4 × 2.9 × 2.2 cm) G: 2 1/8 × 1 1/4 × 1 1/8 in. (5.4 × 3.2 × 2.9 cm) H: 16 × 10 7/8 × 1/8 in. (40.6 × 27.6 × 0.3 cm) H shell attachment: 12 × 2 3/4 × 1 7/8 in. (30.5 × 7 × 4.8 cm)