



Adze Head Currency

Medium

Greenstone

Description

Polished greenstone adze heads such as this one are evidence of the level of perfection of stone technology achieved by the people living deep within the interior of New Guinea, where the introduction of metal tools

occurred relatively recently. These beautifully shaped and polished large river stone adzes are valued for their use as blades and are also traded as currency throughout the upper Sepik river region.

Dimensions

11 1/2 × 2 in. (29.2 × 5.1 cm)