

Basic Detail Report



Boar's Tusk Currency

Date
early to mid 20th Century

Medium
Boar tusk

Description

Boar’s tusks that grew to form a full were used as a form of prized currency and also in bride-price. To ensure this unimpeded growth required for the tusks to grow this long, the two incisors of the upper jaw of a boar were removed. A large tusk such as this may also have been used as a bracelet.

Dimensions
5 × 4 1/4 × 3/4 in. (12.7 × 10.8 × 1.9 cm)