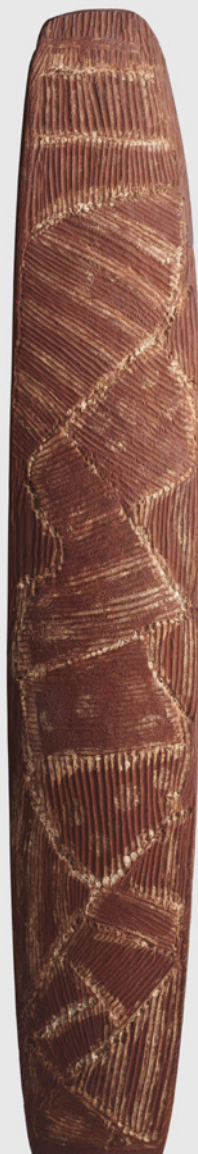
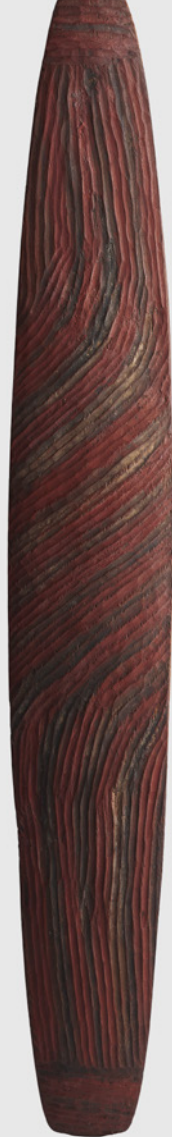
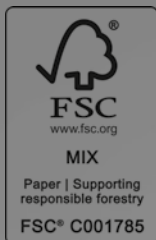


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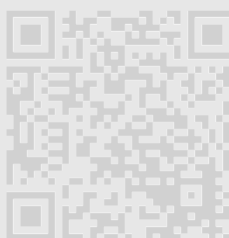
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1

LARGE KAVA BOWL**FIJI**

carved wood, of broad, shallow circular form supported on eight short legs, the rim slightly everted enclosing a smooth gently concave interior with subtle adze marks visible to the underside, a raised triangular lug with twin perforations projecting from one side, formerly for the attachment of a suspension cord

64.3cm diameter

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£1,500-2,500



2

A TRIO OF SHIPIBO POTS
PERU

terracotta, each painted with rectilinear designs on red and white slip grounds, varnished surfaces (3)

largest 27.2cm tall

Provenance: Private collection, United Kingdom, formed 1970s - 2010s

£600-900



3

LARGE WATER VESSEL BY ASIBI IDO
KADUNA, NIGERIA

green glazed stoneware, with sgraffito depictions of lizards, fish, scorpions
and spears across the body, stamped 'AI' to base

36.4cm tall

Provenance: Private collection, Scotland, acquired on the UK art market, 1970s
£3,000-5,000

4

TSONGA STAFF**19TH CENTURY, SOUTH AFRICA**

carved wood, the long staff leading to a finial in the form of an ageing man wearing an apron and holding his arms towards the midriff, the figure rendered with fleshy stomach, rotund legs, and full beard

69cm long

Provenance: Tony Prout Collection, United Kingdom

Bernice and Terry Pethica Collection, United Kingdom

Published:

Conru, *Southeast African and Oceanic Art* (2005), n° 8

Klopper, Nettleton and Pethica, *The Art of Southern Africa, The Terence Pethica Collection* (2007), n° 21

Note: "Western notions of the artist are informed by the idea of the isolated genius, even though most were trained and worked in workshops until the nineteenth century. In Africa most artists carved in workshop contexts in which they shared styles, techniques and iconographies. The finials of staffs like these are sufficiently similar to allow us to postulate that there were at least one or two workshops training carvers in later nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in the Pietermaritzburg area of contemporary KwaZulu-Natal. It is not clear how these carvers marketed their works or to what extent they catered for an indigenous market. One clue may be the presence or absence of iconographic details like head rings. This particular finial figure is a remarkably individualised personification of an aging man. Details like the fleshy breasts, protruding stomach, rotund legs and beard draw attention to the passage of time rather than the idea of status. The master carver who produced works like these seems to have had an interest in conveying aspects of the emotional state of the subject, which in this case is reinforced by the slightly awkward, asymmetrical placement of the hands. Although it is commonly assumed that all figurative staffs were prestige items reserved for chiefs and royalty, writing in 1862, Robert Mann, the Director of Educational Services in Natal, recorded the use of staffs among young dandies, describing them as being of a *jimmy character* (Mann 1862: 20)." (Klopper, Nettleton and Pethica 2007).

£3,000-5,000



5

POLE CLUB, BOVAI**TONGA**

carved wood, of bold, linear form, decorated with geometric carvings evoking the wrapping of a textile, raised on a bespoke mount

103.9cm long

Note: While the symbolic significance of the layout and motifs on Tongan clubs remains unclear, it likely relates to tattoo and bark-cloth patterns, which served as metaphors for chiefly qualities.

Literature: Polynesia: The Mark and Carolyn Blackburn Collection of Polynesia Art, Adrian L. Kaeppler, University of Hawai'i Press, Honolulu, 2010, related example, fig. 186, page 257.

£1,200-1,800





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MOUNGALAULAU CLUB **TONGA**

carved wood, with subtly flaring head and integral loop at base,
decorated with geometric carvings across the upper three-
quarters, including a crucifix glyph below the striking end
78.2cm long

Provenance: Private collection, United Kingdom, acquired from an
antique shop in the north-west of England

£1,000-1,500





7

SKULL RACK**KEREWA PEOPLES, GOARIBARI ISLAND, PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

carved wood and pigment, of openwork form depicting a highly stylised anthropomorphic figure with a broad circular head and elongated body, the features carved in bold relief and highlighted in red, white and black pigment

116.8cm tall

Provenance: Field collected by Dick Randolph, a crocodile hunter, on the Turama River circa 1960

Richard Aldrige, Australia

Private Collection, Chicago

Bonhams, 11 November 2010, Lot 6063

Private collection, Europe

Bonhams, New York, *African, Oceanic and Pre-Columbian Art*, 11th November 2019, lot sold for \$10,075

Private collection, United Kingdom

Note: "The most important sacred objects of the Kerewa people were agiba, flat board-like figures created for the display of human skulls. In the past, headhunting was an integral element of religious practices throughout the Papuan Gulf, honoring the spirits (imunu) whose powers sustained the community. Kerewa men formerly lived in communal men's houses divided into cubicles in which the members of each clan or subclan slept. Each cubicle housed a clan shrine containing one or more agiba and other sacred objects. The agiba symbolized the vitality and martial prowess of the clan, presiding over the skulls obtained by its members. The skulls were hung from the agiba by loops of rattan placed over the hook-like projections at the base. At times, a platform was constructed below the image to support the weight of the assembled skulls. Only men who had captured an enemy head were entitled to carve agiba. The agiba reportedly represented a spirit that revealed itself to the carver in a dream." Metropolitan Museum, 2025.

£7,000-10,000

THE COPPENS COLLECTION

The François Coppens Collection of Aboriginal Art represents over twenty-five years of passionate collecting and deep engagement with Australia's First Nations cultural heritage. This carefully assembled collection brings together a wide range of works that reveal how artistry and meaning are deeply woven into every aspect of life and material culture.

At its heart lies an outstanding selection of shields from diverse regional traditions, alongside finely crafted woomeras, clubs, boomerangs and other objects distinguished by their balanced proportions, graceful contours and the harmonious integration of form and function. Complementing these are works of art that draw upon ancestral traditions while expressing the continuing vitality of First Nations creativity, including pieces by celebrated figures such as Dick Nguleingulei Murrumurra.

Together, the works assembled by François Coppens offer a well-rounded and insightful perspective on one of the world's oldest and most profound artistic lineages. Aboriginal art is deeply connected to community and Country. Every object, whether a shield, boomerang or spearthrower, carries layers of meaning that link people to place, ancestors and living tradition. Designs and forms express knowledge of the land and the values that sustain it, turning practical tools into expressions of identity and belonging.

Making and using these objects reinforces shared knowledge and connection within communities, while also maintaining cultural memory across generations. Through this ongoing relationship between creativity, land and life, Aboriginal art continues to embody a living and enduring connection to Country.



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters across Australia from which the artists in this collection drew inspiration.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Shields from across Australia show great diversity in form, design and meaning. Their shapes, materials and decorations varied between regions, reflecting local environments and cultural traditions. In the rainforests of Queensland, broad shields were carved from the buttress roots of fig trees and painted with bold totemic designs in natural pigments. In contrast, the smaller wunda shields of Western Australia were finely crafted and decorated with incised geometric patterns. In the south east, narrow hardwood shields were engraved with complex designs such as zigzags, chevrons, circles and spirals. These patterns often represented rivers, pathways or ancestral stories, linking the shield to Country and to the people who made and used it.

Making a shield required great skill and time. The process was highly valued, as the finished object carried both practical and symbolic importance. Shields were used in combat but also in ceremony and performance, expressing identity, strength and connection to ancestors. Their carved or painted surfaces could create optical effects in motion, enhancing the presence and agility of the warrior.

The decoration of shields also conveyed individuality and belonging. Each design reflected local knowledge and cultural meaning, while sharing visual links with body painting, carving and other ceremonial arts. Through their designs and craftsmanship, shields served not only as protective tools but also as powerful expressions of cultural identity and spirituality.

More than simple weapons, they embody the close relationship between people, place and creativity, uniting function, art and meaning.





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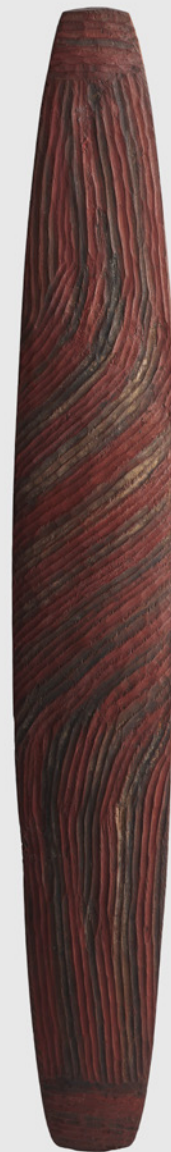
SHIELD**WESTERN AUSTRALIA, POSSIBLY YAMAJI PEOPLE**

carved wood and pigment, of elliptical form, the obverse engraved with fluting and featuring a serpent motif in black pigment against an ochre ground, the reverse with zig-zag fluting and an integral handle, raised on a bespoke mount designed for wall installation

71.1cm long

Provenance: Chris Boylan, Sydney
François Coppens, Belgium

£2,500-3,500



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SHEILD**WESTERN AUSTRALIA, POSSIBLY YAMAJI PEOPLE**

carved wood and pigment, of elliptical form, the obverse engraved with fluting and featuring a motif of alternating ochre and black sweeping bands, the reverse with an integral handle, raised on a bespoke mount designed for wall installation

65.5cm long

Provenance: Erik Farrow, California, United States
François Coppens, Belgium

£1,000-1,500



10

SHIELD**AUSTRALIA**

carved wood and pigment, incised with linear and cross-hatched designs, overlaid with white pigment, an integral handle to the reverse, accompanied by a stand intended for wall mounting

64.5cm long

Provenance: Private collection, France

Private collection, Belgium

Native, Brussels, *Tribal Art, Modern Art and 20th Century Furniture*, January 27th 2018, lot 3

François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£2,000-3,000



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SHIELD**WESTERN AUSTRALIA, POSSIBLY BARDI PEOPLES**

carved wood and pigment, of elliptical form, the obverse with fine fluting and horizontal lines of white against an ochre ground, the reverse with an integral handle

65cm long

Provenance: De Zwaan, Amsterdam, *Art and Antique Sale*, 9th November 2021, lot 3513

François Coppens, Belgium

£2,000-4,000



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SHIELD
AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, of elongated oval form with rounded ends, the obverse adorned with a series of interlocking diamond motifs, dual perforations to top, with integral handle to reverse, accompanied by a stand intended for wall mounting

49cm long

Provenance: Chris Boylan, Sydney, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£2,500-3,500



13

WUNDA SHIELD
AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, of long elliptical form, decorated with zigzag patterns consisting of a series of longitudinal grooves divided into three sections, coloured with red and white ochre, accompanied by a bracket for wall mounting

71cm long

Provenance: McCann Collection, Ottawa
Michael Hamson, California
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£3,000-5,000



14

SHIELD**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

carved wood and pigment, of elliptical form, the obverse engraved with fluting and displaying a centre painted motif in cream and orange pigment, the reverse with fluting and an integral handle, raised on a bespoke mount designed for wall installation

71cm long

Provenance: Christopher Thorpe, Sydney
François Coppens, Belgium

£2,000-3,000



15

WUNDA SHIELD**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

wood and pigment, of long elliptical form, decorated with zigzag motifs composed of a series of longitudinal grooves divided into three sections, coloured with red and white ochre, the reverse adorned with vertical bands arranged in nine sections and bordered by horizontal grooves, fine patination and wear to the handle indicative of use, accompanied by a bespoke mount for wall display

85cm tall

Provenance: Private collection, Northern Australia
Chris Thorpe, Sydney
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£5,000-8,000



Lot 8 (reverse)



Lot 9 (reverse)



Lot 13 (reverse)



Lot 14 (reverse)



Lot 10 (reverse)



Lot 11 (reverse)



Lot 15 (reverse)



Lot 16 (reverse)







Lot 18 (reverse)



Lot 19 (reverse)



Lot 24 (reverse)



Lot 25 (reverse)



Lot 20 (reverse)



Lot 22 (reverse)



Lot 26 (reverse)



Lot 28 (reverse)



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NARROW SHIELD
WESTERN DESERT, AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of elongated oval form, covered with an ornate composition of engraved concentric squares, with an integral handle to the reverse and painted zig-zag decoration, accompanied by a bracket for wall mounting

82.8cm long

Provenance: Private collection, Australia
 François Coppens, Belgium

£4,000-6,000



17

PARRYING SHIELD
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

carved wood and natural earth pigments, elongated oval shield, the obverse decorated with red ochre, vertical fluting and incised diagonal striations arranged in broad bands, the reverse with square and line engraving and unadorned with red ochre, accompanied by a bracket for wall mounting

83.2cm long

Provenance: D'Ian Davidson, Sydney, Australia
 François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£4,000-6,000



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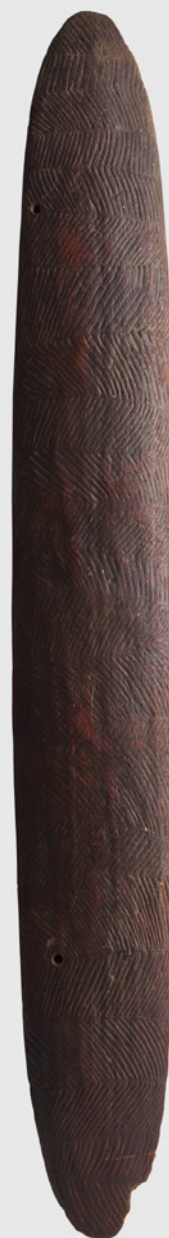
SHIELD**KIMBERLEY, AUSTRALIA**

carved wood and pigment, the elongated, slightly convex form tapers towards both ends, the front decorated with alternating bands of diagonal hatching and cross-hatching in ochre and white pigment, with integral handle to reverse, accompanied by a bracket intended for wall mounting

71cm long

Provenance: Michael Hamson, California, United States
François Coppens, Belgium

£3,000-5,000



19

PARRYING SHIELD**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

carved wood, of elongated oblong form, adorned with horizontal bands of alternating etched designs, with integral handle to reverse, rich patination, accompanied by a mount for wall installation

84.6cm long

Provenance: Marc and Elaina Pinto, Perth, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium

£3,000-5,000



20

SMALL RAINFOREST SHIELD
QUEENSLAND

carved wood and pigment, of oval form, with central projecting boss, the surface decorated with geometric designs in natural pigments of red, white and brown, the reverse with integral handle

48.8cm long

Provenance: François Coppens collection, Belgium, acquired Mossgreen Auction House, Sydney, 2009

£2,000-4,000

21

SMALL RAINFOREST SHIELD
QUEENSLAND

carved wood and pigment, the obverse adorned with geometric patterning, with an integral handle to the reverse

32cm long

Provenance: Woolley and Wallis Auctioneers, Salisbury, 1st March 2017, *African and Oceanic Art*, lot 523

£1,000-1,500



22

RAINFOREST SHIELD
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

carved fig root and pigment, of classic kidney form, with central protruding boss, adorned with a geometric design composed of intersecting linear elements forming lozenge motifs, rendered in red and white natural pigments against the darkened ground, the reverse is plain, with an integral handle

85.7cm long

Provenance: Marc and Elena Pinto, Australia
 François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

Note: For a similar example, please see The Melbourne Museum, Australia, accession number 45144

£20,000-30,000





23

PAINTED SHIELD**NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA**

painted and carved wood, of oval form, adorned with longitudinal grooves, the obverse with an all-over red pigment and central black stripe with white border, integral handle to the reverse, accompanied by a bracket intended for wall mounting

64cm long

Provenance: Christopher Thorpe, Sydney, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium

£800-1,200

24

PAINTED SHIELD**AUSTRALIA**

carved wood and pigment, of elongated oval form, the surface finely incised with longitudinal grooves, red, black and white decoration to obverse, integral handle to reverse, accompanied by a bracket intended for wall mounting

62cm tall

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium

£700-900



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PAINTED SHIELD
NORTHERN TERRITORY

carved wood and pigment, of elongated oval form, the surface finely incised with longitudinal grooves, red, black and white decoration to obverse, integral handle to reverse

64.5cm tall

Provenance: Private collection, Australia
 Woolley and Wallis Auctioneers, Salisbury, United Kingdom, *Arts of Africa, Oceania and the Americas*, 21st September 2023, lot 1735
 François Coppens, Belgium, acquired at the above

£400-600



26

PAINTED SHIELD
CENTRAL DESERT, AUSTRALIA

carved wood, natural earth pigments and feathers, decorated with three concentric circular motifs in relief, alternating with vertical lines, accompanied by a bracket intended for wall mounting

69cm long

Provenance: Christopher Thorpe, Sydney, Australia
 François Coppens, Belgium

£1,200-1,800





27

SHIELD
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, convex oval, the obverse with deeply incised vertical fluting and painted decoration in red, white and black pigments
66cm long

Provenance: François Coppens collection, Belgium, acquired Mossgreen Auction House, Sydney, 2009

£1,000-1,500



28

SHIELD WITH ENGRAVED DESIGN
AUSTRALIA

carved hardwood, of oval, convex form, adorned with engraved designs, dark patina, accompanied by a bracket for wall mounting
47.2cm tall

Provenance: Franck Marcellin, Aix-en-Provence, France, 2010s
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£2,500-3,500



29

A PAIR OF HOOKED BOOMERANG
LIKELY WARLPIRI PEOPLES, NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA

carved wood and ochre, each adorned with incised grooving and raised together on a bespoke mount (2)

longest 72cm

Provenance: Chris Boylan, Sydney, Australia
 François Coppens, Belgium

Note: Boomerangs such as the present examples (known as a “number seven” on account of the shape), were primarily crafted by the Tanami desert peoples but circulated widely across central and northern Australia through extensive inland trade networks. While mainly used in combat, they were also effective for bird hunting, as they could knock birds from flocks in flight, making them easier to catch. Like most Aboriginal boomerangs, they did not return when thrown.

For similar please see: The Metropolitan Museum, New York, accession number 1979.206.1667.

£1,200-1,800



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BOOMERANG
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

carved wood and earth pigments, of typical curved and tapered form, with fine vertical fluting throughout, raised on a bespoke mount

62.5cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£600-900



31

LIL-LIL CLUB
SOUTH-EAST AUSTRALIA

carved wood, with a subtly curved handle and triangular striking head, raised on a bespoke mount

62cm long

Provenance: The Monarch Historical Museum, Newcastle

Private collection, Queensland, Australia

D'Ian Davidson, Sydney Australia

François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

Note: The lil-lil is a club made and used only in south-eastern Australia. It was a powerful weapon in battle, able to strike and cut at enemies even when they carried a heavy wooden shield called a mulga. Expert fighters could also throw the lil-lil like a boomerang.

£2,000-3,000



32

BULBOUS CLUB
VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

carved wood, with rounded bulbous striking head tapering to a narrow handle with incised grip, rich patination, raised on a bespoke mount

67cm long

Provenance: Marc Pinto, Perth, Australia

François Coppens, Belgium

£400-600



33

WOOMERA
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, the lance-arm curved in form with a hook extension at one end and a slender shaft continuing to the counterbalancing end, raised on a bespoke mount

77cm long

Provenance: Lempertz, Brussels, *African and Oceanic Art*, 5th April 2017, lot 254, achieved 1,364 €

£400-600

The spearthrower is another remarkable example of Aboriginal innovation. It works by extending the thrower's arm, allowing spears to be launched with greater speed and accuracy. Designs varied depending on local materials and needs, and the tool often had multiple uses, such as digging, cutting, or scraping. Spearthrowers were sometimes decorated with carvings or paintings, showing personal or cultural meanings. They were not only practical tools but also important ceremonial and symbolic objects, representing skill, identity, and status. These tools show how everyday objects could hold deep cultural significance, linking survival skills with creativity and spiritual life.





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WOOMERA
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of oval form, with deep linear carved geometric decoration accented with pigment, gum resin handle and kangaroo tooth hook, raised on a bespoke mount

84.5cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£1,000-1,500



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WOOMERA
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of elongated leaf-shaped form with steep shoulders leading to a subtly convex face tapering to a narrow handle with rounded gum terminal, the surface is finely engraved with a continuous herringbone pattern composed of alternating diagonal lines, with a red ochre wash, raised on a bespoke mount

78.8cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£800-1,200



36

PAINTED WOOMERA
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

carved wood, pigment, vegetal fibre and gum resin, adorned with engraved zig-zag motifs, the surface is decorated with an abstract figural design executed in red, white and black pigment, gum applied to base of handle, raised on a bespoke mount

81cm tall

Provenance: Michael Hamson, California, United States
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired 2019

£3,000-5,000



37

WOOMERA
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of elongated elliptical form, with deep linear carved geometric decoration, gum resin handle and possum tooth hook, raised on a bespoke mount

86.7cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£600-900



38

WOOMERA
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, fibre and tooth, the body displaying engraved chevron and line motifs across both faces, the distal end with fibre binding holding a kangaroo tooth, raised on a bespoke mount

67cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£1,200-1,800



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WOOMERA
RABY BAY, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of oval form, with deep linear carved geometric decoration, gum resin handle and possum tooth hook, with a lightly carved and ink filled inscription reading:

"...S.J. Rakes, Raby Bay 2 May 1901

raised on a bespoke mount

53.5cm long

Provenance: Acquired in situ at Raby Bay, Queensland, 2nd May 1901
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

Note: Aboriginal communities throughout Australia traditionally utilised spear throwers for both hunting and combat. To use the device, the handle at its lower end was gripped while a small, hooklike extension at the upper end engaged with the hollow base of a long, lightweight spear. This tool functioned by effectively extending the user's arm, providing a mechanical advantage that boosted the spear's speed and throwing range. While spear throwers could allow a hunter or warrior to strike a target from up to eighty yards away, users typically aimed to get as close as possible to maximise the force and precision of their throw.

£400-600



40

CHURINGA
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, finely incised with concentric circle and linear designs arranged in a symmetrical composition along both faces, the end tapering to rounded points, raised on a bespoke mount

48.8cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£800-1,200



41

CHURINGA
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of elliptical form with incised geometric decoration, raised on a bespoke mount

29cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£700-900



42

WOODEN CHURINGA
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, elongated oval with pointed ends, with incised linear and zigzag designs and dark patination, raised on a bespoke mount

41.4cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£1,000-1,500

43

DICK NGULEINGULEI MURRUMURRU (1920 - 1988)

MIMI SPIRIT AND KANGAROO, C. 1970S

natural earth pigments on eucalyptus bark, depicting a *Mimi* spirit hunter and kangaroo

94.5 x 56cm

Provenance: Jerome Gould, Los Angeles

Michael Hamson, California

François Coppens, Belgium

Note: Dick Nguleingulei Murrumurru was a significant *Bularlhda* artist from Western Arnhem Land, born around 1920 at Kukadjerri near the Liverpool River. He grew up within the rock country that shaped his art, absorbing the visual traditions of ancient stone painting sites that his bark paintings later carried forward.

Murrumurru's work is celebrated for its fidelity to the rock art heritage of his homeland. While many of his contemporaries adopted new influences, he remained devoted to traditional forms and ceremonial imagery. His paintings on eucalyptus bark are executed with natural ochres, often set against a rich red ground that heightens the brightness of the white and yellow figures.

He is best known for his masterful use of the Western Arnhem Land x-ray style, depicting animals, spirits and ancestral beings with visible internal anatomy. Figures are outlined in white pipeclay, their faces marked by large open mouths and high-set eyes; features that give his ancestral subjects a powerful and animated presence.

Working predominantly in the 1960s - 70s, he became known as one of the great custodians of the old painting traditions. His barks, now held in major institutions around the world, act as a bridge between the rock art of the region and the modern bark painting movement of Arnhem Land.

£2,000-3,000



44

LARGE WALLABY FIGURE**AUSTRALIA**

carved wood, a tall attenuated sculpture of a wallaby, depicted in an abstracted manner, the elongated body tapering smoothly into simplified limbs, with the head retaining an almost totemic expression, raised on a bespoke mount

104cm tall

Provenance: Alex Philips, Melbourne, Australia

Michael Hamson, California, United States

François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£3,000-5,000





45

A PAIR OF TIWI SPEAR HEADS**TIWI PEOPLES, MELVILLE ISLANDS, AUSTRALIA**

carved wood and pigment, each with raised geometric ridging and alternating painted sections in ochre, white and black pigments, raised together on a bespoke mount

longest 95cm

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the Belgian art market 2000s

£500-700



46

WAR CLUB**QUEENSLAND**

carved wood and metal, the long club broadening towards the head and tapering to a sharp point, the surface fluted along its length, the handle scoured for grip, the head slanting off to the side and inset with seven rows of nails, mounted on a bespoke stand

66.4cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£1,000-1,500

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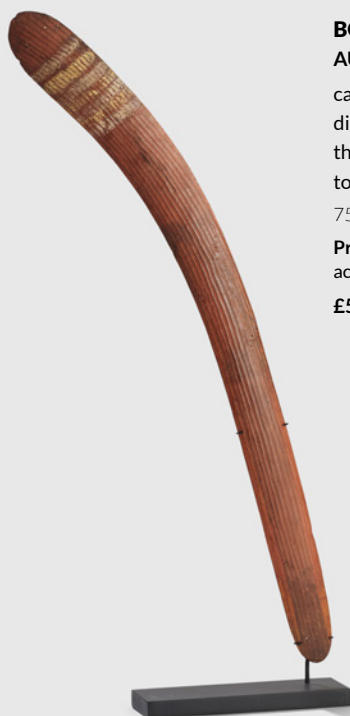
BOOMERANG
AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, a large example, displaying a subtle taper, with vertical fluting throughout, painted bands in white and yellow to one end, raised on a bespoke mount

75.5cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£500-800



48

BOOMERANG
KIMBERLEY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, of typical form, adorned with engraving, red and white pigment, raised on a bespoke mount

61.5cm long

Provenance: The present boomerang is said to have been presented to Mr Carl Bowdewins of the Forrest River Mission by Chief King Peter in the late 1920s or early 1930s. The carvings are believed to symbolise the events of the Forrest River Massacre (also known as the Oombulgurri Massacre), a tragic episode in 1926 in which several Aboriginal people from the region were killed by police and civilians following the death of a pastoralist. A subsequent Royal Commission (1927) found evidence that at least eleven Aboriginal men and women were murdered and their remains destroyed.

The area surrounding the Forrest River Mission was home to a number of Aboriginal families whose histories are partially preserved in mission and government archives. One such record refers to a "King Peter", described as King David (Mudjuwanba)'s eldest son and a member of the Evans family. He is noted as having captained the local cricket team in 1929. It is possible that this individual is the same "Peter" who presented the boomerang to Mr Bowdewins.

£1,500-2,500



49

LARGE PAINTED BOOMERANG
SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, of typical curved and tapered form, dark patination, fluting throughout, with four red stripes painted to the top, raised on a bespoke mount

63cm long

Provenance: Private collection, Melbourne, Australia
D'Ian Davidson, Sydney, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£1,000-1,500





50

PAINTED CHURINGA**CENTRAL DESERT, AUSTRALIA**

carved wood, natural earth pigments and feathers, of long elliptical form, with engraved vertical bands and concentric circles, adorned with a series of painted horizontal white bands, remnants of applied white feathers, raised on a bespoke mount
92cm tall

Provenance: Michael Hamson, California, United States

François Coppens, Belgium, acquired 2015

£2,000-3,000



51

PAINTED CHURINGA**CENTRAL DESERT, AUSTRALIA**

carved wood, natural earth pigments and feathers, of long elliptical form, with engraved vertical bands and concentric circles, applied white feathers running in a zig-zag along the entire length, raised on a bespoke mount

91cm tall

Provenance: Michael Hamson, California, United States

François Coppens, Belgium, acquired 2015

£2,000-3,000



52

WOODEN CHURINGA
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

carved wood, adorned with incised concentric circles and an ochre wash, raised on a bespoke mount

25.7cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£800-1,200



53

CHURINGA
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

carved wood with traces of red ochre wash, of elongated elliptical form, decorated with engraved concentric circles linked by vertical lines, raised on a bespoke mount

56.8cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£1,000-1,500



54

MESSAGE STICK
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of elongated cylindrical form, the surface finely incised with alternating geometric and linear motifs forming an all-over design, raised on a bespoke mount

29.6cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£600-900

55

LARGE CHURINGA
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

carved wood, elongated, slightly convex form tapering towards each end,
rhythmic surface patterning incised with concentric circle designs to
both sides, raised on a bespoke mount

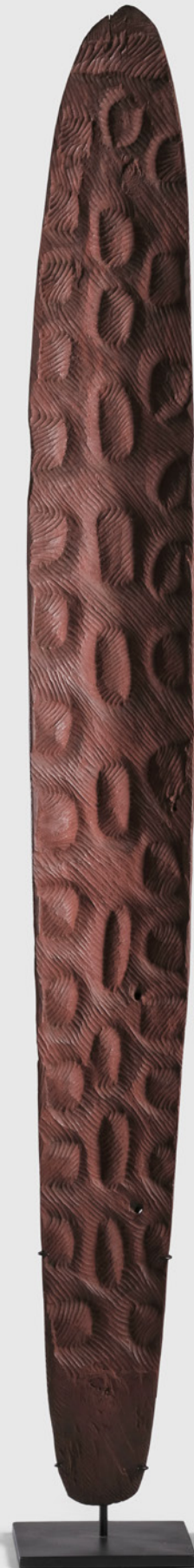
147cm tall

Provenance: Private collection, Europe

Native, Brussels, *Helmut Zake Collection and various owners*, 26th January
2019, lot 97

François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£3,000-5,000





Left to right, Lot 108, Lot 107, Lot 100 and Lot 56

56

SPIRIT FIGURE**ARNHEM LAND, AUSTRALIA**

carved from a single piece of hardwood and decorated with natural earth pigments, the stylised figure standing with subtly parted legs and an elongated torso, the minimal facial features defined by a prominent brow ridge conveying a distilled sense of form, the surface embellished with finely painted abstract motifs, presented on a custom mount

50.2cm tall

Provenance: Bill Evans, Caspian Gallery, Sydney, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£8,000-12,000





57

PAINTED FIGHTING CLUB
AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, of long cylindrical form, tapering at both the handle and striking head to a point, adorned with painted designs throughout, raised on a bespoke mount

53.8cm long

Provenance: Harvey Menist, Amsterdam, Holland
François Coppens, Belgium

£200-300



58

FIGHTING STICK
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of slender form, with a rounded striking head and finely incised decorative engravings, presented on a bespoke display mount

80.5cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium,
acquired on the European art market

£400-600



59

PINEAPPLE HEADED CLUB
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

carved wood, with a pointed finial to one end and a distinct "pineapple" head formed by deep geometric lattice-carved motifs to the midsection, the shaft tapering to a rounded point with incised banding for ease of grip, the surface with a rich, dark patina, raised on a bespoke mount

66.5cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium,
acquired on the European art market

£800-1,200



60

WOOMERA
VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of relatively narrow and elongated form, with a curved, teardrop shape tapering into a rounded handle, an integral wooden hook at the opposing end, raised on a bespoke mount

70.6cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

Note: Spear throwers originating from southeastern Australia are significantly rarer than those from other regions of the country. These tools were used both in hunting and warfare. For a comparable example, refer to the British Museum, London, accession number Oc1921,0616.23.

£800-1,200



61

SPEARTHROWER
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

carved wood, shell, vegetal binding and gum, raised on a bespoke mount

79.3cm long

Provenance: Theodore Bruce Auctioneers, Stanmore, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above 2019

£1,000-1,500



62

SPEARTHROWER
LA GRANGE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

carved and incised wood with gum handle, tooth incised decoration, hook attached with fibre and a red ochre wash, presented on a bespoke mount

89cm tall

Provenance: Christopher Thorpe, Sydney, Australia

François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£600-900

The boomerang is one of the most recognisable tools from Australia. It refers to a variety of curved wooden throwing weapons used across the continent. While the returning boomerang is well known for its ability to fly back to the thrower, most boomerangs were designed not to return. These were mainly used for hunting and fighting, capable of causing serious injury to animals or people they struck. Some designs, like the hooked boomerang, could bounce off the ground and hit targets with great force. Boomerangs were often decorated with carvings or painted patterns, which sometimes affected how they moved through the air.





63

BOOMERANG
AUSTRALIA

carved wood and natural earth pigments, of elongated and sinuous form with a gently curving profile, both the obverse and reverse adorned with incised overlapping linear motifs, raised on a bespoke mount

74cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£400-600

64

BOOMERANG
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of typical curved and tapering form, adorned with a depiction of a snake, raised on a bespoke mount

67.2cm long

Provenance: Private collection, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium

£600-900



65

BOOMERANG
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of typical curved and tapered form, adorned with circular engraved patterns, raised on a bespoke mount

62cm long

Provenance: Private collection, Melbourne, Australia
D'Ian Davidson, Sydney, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£700-900



66

BOOMERANG
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of typical curved and tapered form, adorned with a series of zig-zag engraved panels, raised on a bespoke mount

64.2cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£400-600



67

BOOMERANG
AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, of typical curved and tapered form, dark patination, with remnants of painted decoration at one end, raised on a bespoke mount

64.8cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£400-600

68

BOOMERANG
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

carved wood and earth pigments, of typical curved and tapered form, with fine vertical fluting throughout, raised on a bespoke mount

43.8cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£1,000-1,500





69

TUTINI POLE**TIWI PEOPLES, MELVILLE ISLANDS, AUSTRALIA**

wood and pigment, carved from a single log with a tall bifurcated finial and cylindrical shaft, the surface decorated with traditional Tiwi geometric forms in red, white, yellow and black

82.5cm tall

Provenance: D'Ian Davidson, Sydney, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above 2017

£2,500-3,500

70

CEREMONIAL OBJECT**ARNHEM LAND, AUSTRALIA**

stone, elongated ovoid form, the surface decorated with finely executed geometric motifs in red, yellow, and white ochres, raised on a bespoke mount

41cm long

Provenance: Harvey Menist,
Amsterdam

£200-300





71

WANJINA BARK PAINTING
AUSTRALIA

natural earth pigments on bark,
 depicting a *Wanjina* spirit

45 x 25cm

Provenance: Cornette de Saint Cyr, Paris,
Arts d'Afrique, d'Amérique et des Mers du Sud,
 1st June 2017, lot 1080

François Coppens, Belgium, acquired at
 the above

£2,000-3,000



72

MIMI SPIRIT FIGURES, BARK PAINTING
NORTH-WESTERN AUSTRALIA

blown pigment on eucalyptus bark, depicting tall, thin-bodied male and female figures in motion, the figures are rendered using a negative application of white pigment against a black background

(inc. backing frame) 100 x 55cm

Provenance: Originally in the collection of Professor A.P. Elkin (1891 - 1979).

Professor Elkin was an Australian anthropologist who became one of the most influential figures in the study of Aboriginal cultures during the mid-20th century. He served as Professor of Anthropology at the University of Sydney from 1933 to 1956, where he trained many of Australia's early anthropologists. Elkin advocated for the recognition of Aboriginal rights and welfare. He undertook important fieldwork in Arnhem Land, documenting rock and bark paintings and emphasising their deep ceremonial and spiritual significance. Elkin's support helped bring broader attention to Arnhem Land artists and contributed to the early recognition of Aboriginal art within Australian cultural history, publishing the seminal work *Art in Arnhem Land* in 1950.

François Coppens, Belgium

£3,000-5,000

73

PAINTED CHURINGA
WESTERN DESERT, AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, of elongated elliptical form, the surface finely incised with linear grooves and painted with a dot motif in natural pigments, raised on a bespoke mount

53cm long

Provenance: Michael Hamson, California, United States
 François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above
 2014

£3,000-5,000



74

CHURINGA
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, adorned with a series of parallel and intersecting linear designs forming a repeating lozenge and zigzag pattern, raised on a bespoke mount

52cm tall

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£800-1,200



75

CHURINGA
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of oval form, finely incised with concentric circle and linear designs arranged in a symmetrical composition along both faces, dark patination, raised on a bespoke mount

58.9cm tall

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£600-900





76

CHURINGA
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of elongated oval form, finely adorned with engraved vertical fluting interrupted at the centre by a panel of interlocking triangles enclosed within a zigzag border, the design further enriched by horizontal and off-centre hatched infill, presented on a bespoke display mount

51.8cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£1,000-1,500



77

COOLAMON
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

carved wood and natural earth pigments, of elongated concave form, the interior with stone cut engraving, rich patination

40.8cm long

Provenance: Marc Pinto, Perth
François Coppens, Belgium

Note: "Widely used throughout central Australia, carrying trays, often referred to by the general term *coolamon*, are versatile all-purpose containers. Typically consisting of shallow, trough-shaped vessels (of which the decorated underside is shown in the photograph), coolamons are, or were, used by Aboriginal peoples to carry food, water, and even young infants when gathering food or moving from camp to camp. Masterpieces of practical design, the curved bottoms of coolamons allow the vessels to sit upright on uneven ground and help prevent them from being overturned."

The Metropolitan Museum, 2025

£600-900



78

COOLAMON
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, elongated oval form with rounded ends and concave interior, the exterior finely fluted along its length and decorated with a white painted motif of concentric circles with linking bands over a red ochre ground, raised on a bespoke mount

70.6cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£1,500-2,500



79

STONE CHURINGA
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

stone, worked incisions with three concentric circle details on each side of the flat, oval surface; raised on a bespoke mount

16cm tall

Provenance: Alex Philips, Melbourne, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above 2010s

Note: The word 'Tjurunga' derives from the Arrernte word *Tywerenge*, which means 'sacred' or 'precious'. They were the ancestors' most treasured possessions, with myths emphasising their magical properties. Each person was believed to have been a reincarnated 'ancestral' spirit being, their essential sacred essence expressed in the physical tjurunga form. During initiation, a youth received his own tjurunga and was gradually introduced by tribal elders to the secret knowledge concerning their own and other tjurunga, the ritual practices and belief systems passed down from one generation to the next. The intricate designs, engraved using possum teeth, recorded legends, with the various symbols serving to remind the reciter of the narrative. The markers have hundreds of different meanings, with the number of conventionalised symbols making up a very small proportion. The sacred nature of the tjurnuga meant that they could only be seen by initiated men during times of ceremony, with women and children strictly banned from laying eyes on them. Although tjurunga exist across Australia, the finest decorated stone examples come from Central Australia.

£1,500-2,500



80

RAINFOREST SWORD CLUB
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of classic form with a curving broad blade,
the handle with widespread survival of the original gum

98.5cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium

£1,200-1,800

81

WAR CLUB
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

carved wood and metal, the long club
broadening towards the head and tapering to a
sharp point, the surface fluted along its length,
the handle scoured for grip, the head set with
four rows of nails, mounted on a bespoke stand

64cm long

Provenance: Michael Hamson, California, United
States

François Coppens, Belgium

£800-1,200



82

RAINFOREST SHIELD
AUSTRALIA

carved wood and natural earth pigments, of oval form with a central protruding boss, the obverse adorned with a dynamic and rhythmic composition characteristic of northern Queensland styles, with integral handle to reverse

71cm long

Provenance: Lewis Wara Gallery, New York, United States
François Coppens, Belgium

£12,000-18,000





83

RAINFOREST SHIELD
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, of elongated oval form with a central raised boss, the front decorated with bold geometric designs in red, white, orange and black natural pigments forming a series of interlocking lozenges, the reverse unadorned, with an integral handle

72.3cm tall

Provenance: Alex Phillips, Melbourne
 François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above, 2010s

Note: For a similar example, please see; The Metropolitan Museum, New York, accession number 1979.206.1802

The Yidinj people and nearby clans from around Cairns in northeast Queensland made brightly painted rainforest shields. These shields were used in both battles and ceremonies and were carried only by men after they completed their initiation into adulthood.

Rainforest shields are often kidney-shaped because they were carved from the curved buttress roots of native fig trees. This shield, however, is more symmetrical and has a raised central area to make it stronger. The handle was shaped by carving out the space beneath it.

Two initiated men usually painted a shield together, each starting from opposite ends. Although the patterns may seem abstract, they come from traditional clan designs that represent people, animals and country, creating a unified and meaningful design.

£5,000-8,000



84

WUNDA SHIELD**WESTERN AUSTRALIA, POSSIBLY LOMBADINA**

wood and pigment, of long elliptical form, decorated with grooved carved throughout and adorned with red and white pigment, forming an oblique wave-like pattern, with integral handle to reverse, accompanied by a bespoke mount for wall display

78cm long

Provenance: Private collection, Australia

Chris Thorpe, Sydney

François Coppens, Belgium

£1,200-1,800



85

PARRYING SHIELD**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

carved wood, of long oval form, with kinetic engraving on both sides, integral handle to reverse, rich and dark patination

76cm tall

Provenance: Private collection, Australia

Dori Rootenberg (Jacaranda Tribal), New York, United States

François Coppens, Belgium

£2,000-3,000



86

PARRYING SHIELD
SOUTH-EAST AUSTRALIA

carved hardwood, of triangular form, with an integral handle, the exterior engraved with zigzag motifs accentuated with white clay, raised on a bespoke mount

72.5cm tall

Provenance: Mossgreen Auction House, Sydney, Australia
 François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above, 2009

Note: Artists from southeastern Australia traditionally crafted narrow and compact parrying shields, like the present example, which were employed in close combat to deflect blows from fighting clubs and other handheld weapons. These parrying shields were typically held by a handle positioned on the left side, with their narrow edge facing the opponent. Adorned with a series of engraved zigzag patterns, "a symphony of lines" (Jones, 2015, p. 74), these shields not only served a defensive function but were also rich in symbolic and cultural significance.

Beyond their use in combat, these shields acted as visual expressions of identity and tradition, with their engraved motifs and geometric patterns, reflecting the distinct artistic styles of the region's communities. The intricate carving of these shields demanded exceptional craftsmanship, with artisans meticulously shaping the hardwood and etching traditional patterns using age-old techniques. This artistic process was both practical and symbolic, highlighting the inseparable link between utility and art. Although little historical information survives regarding the symbolic meaning of the designs, it is believed that they may represent emblems tied to the owner's group or dreamings, ancestral beings whose actions shaped the landscape during the Dreaming, a primordial period of creation.

For a similar example collected in south-eastern Australia prior to 1839 please see: The British Museum, London, accession number Oc1839, 1012.3.

£3,500-4,500

87

PARRYING SHIELD
SOUTH-EAST AUSTRALIA

carved hardwood, of triangular form, with an integral handle,
exterior adorned with engraved opposing wave patterns, raised on
a bespoke mount

67cm tall

Provenance: Cooe Art (now Art Leven), Sydney, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above 2019

Note: The present example embodies the deep cultural, artistic, and
ceremonial traditions of Indigenous communities from the south-east
of Australia.

In ceremonial and martial contexts, such shields carried profound
spiritual significance, invoking the power of ancestors and Country.
Researchers such as Carol Cooper have noted how their designs could
create optical effects during battle, enhancing a warrior's agility and
presence.

£3,000-4,000



88

PAIR OF BULBOUS HEADED CLUBS**AUSTRALIA**

carved wood, each with rounded bulbous striking head tapering to a narrow handle, one with fluting to head, the other with scouring, raised together on a single bespoke mount

largest 59.8cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£400-600



89

CLUB**AUSTRALIA, 19TH CENTURY OR EARLIER**

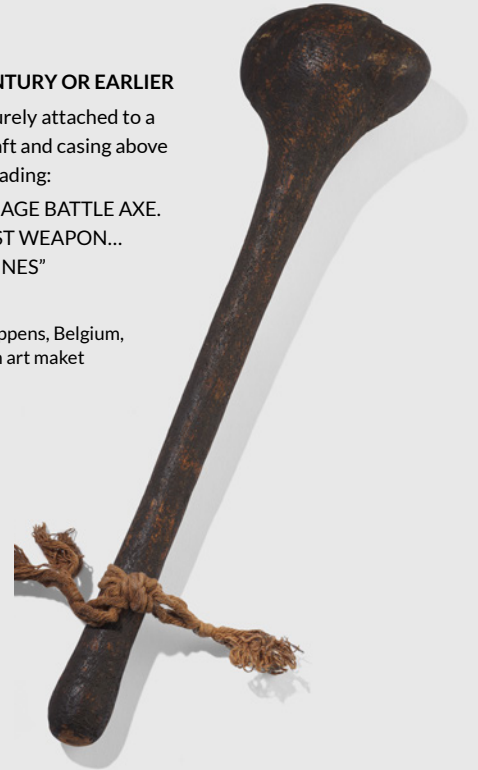
ground stone head, securely attached to a single piece wooden shaft and casing above the head, with a label reading:

"PREHISTORIC STONE AGE BATTLE AXE.
PRIMITIVE MAN'S FIRST WEAPON...
AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES"

43.3cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£600-900



90

FIGHTING STICK**AUSTRALIA**

carved wood, with club head worked to a point and roughened carved surface indicating the handle, fine vertical fluting throughout, raised on a bespoke mount

70.2cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£200-300



91

FISH TAIL FIGHTING CLUB
ARNHEM LAND, AUSTRALIA

carved wood and natural pigments, tapering from a rounded striking head to a narrow grip with flared terminal, remnants of painted pattern to the striking end, raised on a bespoke mount

124cm long

Provenance: Serge Schoffel, Brussels, Belgium
 François Coppens, Belgium

£1,000-1,500



92

FLARED CLUB
NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, the long handle terminating in a finely worked mushroom-shaped head, adorned with red and white pigment, raised on a bespoke mount

61.5cm long

Provenance: Daniel Vigne, Paris, France
 François Coppens, Belgium

£1,200-1,800





93

LARGE BULBOUS CLUB**VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA**

carved wood, with rounded bulbous striking head tapering to a handle, rich patination, raised on a bespoke mount

72.2cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium

£500-800

94

WAR CLUB**QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA**

carved wood, pigment and metal, the long club broadening towards the head and tapering to a sharp point, the surface fluted along its length, the handle scoured for grip, the head set with two rows of nails and displaying traces of red pigment, raised on a bespoke mount

79cm long

Provenance: Marc Pinto, Perth, Australia

François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above in 2015

£2,000-3,000





95

CHURINGA
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, long elliptical form, with incised geometric decoration of pleasing rhythmic form, dark patination, raised on a bespoke mount

92cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£1,500-2,500



96

CHURINGA
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of elongated elliptical form, the surface finely incised with linear grooves, raised on a bespoke mount

50.4cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£800-1,200



97

CHURINGA WITH SNAKE
AUSTRALIA

carved wood, of elliptical form with incised geometric decoration depicting a snake, raised on a bespoke mount

55.8cm tall

Provenance: Chris Boylan, Sydney, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium

£1,000-1,500



98

A TRIO OF CHURINGA AUSTRALIA

carved wood, each of elliptical form with incised geometric decoration, raised on a bespoke mount (3)

41.5cm tall

Provenance: Marc Pinto, Perth, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium

£3,000-5,000

99

FIRE STICK AUSTRALIA

carved wood, a short rounded stick for the starting of fires, with simple zig-zag decorative markings, rich patination and wear from use, accompanied by a 19th century note reading as follows:

"Fire stick (for making fire) It is held between the palme of the hands and rotated ... in contact in the clay vegetable matter"

15.8cm long

Provenance: Marc Pinto, Perth, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£500-800



100

CHURINGA CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

carved and incised wood, elongated oval in form, both faces incised with concentric circular and cross motif designs, the surface washed with red ochre, raised on a bespoke mount

19.4cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£700-900





101

BOOMERANG
AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, of typical curved and tapered form, engraved hatching throughout, with three painted bands at the mid-section, raised on a bespoke mount

57.4cm long

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£500-800



102

COOLAMON
AUSTRALIA

carved wood and natural earth pigments, of elongated concave form, the exterior with stone cut engraving and scouring, red ochre wash, raised on a bespoke mount

36.5cm long

Provenance: Theodore Bruce Auctioneers, Stanmore, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above in 2019

£1,000-1,500



103

COOLAMON
NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA

carved wood and natural earth pigments, of elongated concave form with raised tabs at the centre, with stone cut engraving throughout, rich patination, raised on a bespoke mount

57cm long

Provenance: D'Ian Davidson, Sydney, Australia
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above 2018

£1,000-1,500



104

BOOMERANG
KIMBERLEY REGION, AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, of typical curved and tapered form, adorned with white stripes, raised on a bespoke mount

41.8cm long

Provenance: Sam Handbury-Madin, United Kingdom
François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

£400-600



105

ABELAM BARK PAINTING**PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

pigment on dual sago spathe panels, each panel depicting a stylized ancestor figure with elaborate headdress, squatting, with the arms raised above the head, rendered in polychrome pigments of red, yellow, black and white

85.6 x 60.5cm

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£1,500-2,500

106

ABELAM FIGURE**MAPRIK, PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

carved wood and pigment, with an elongated head and angular facial planes, the narrow face with recessed eyes beneath prominent brows, the long nose descending to a small pursed mouth, the torso leaning subtly forward with attenuated limbs resting on the midriff, painted details for accent, raised on a bespoke mount

52cm tall

Provenance: Ruth McNicoll, Canberra, Australia

Christie's, Paris, *Art Africain, Océanien et Précolombien*, 10th December, 2003, lot 53 (part)

Wayne Heathcote, London

François Coppens, Belgium, acquired from the above

Exhibited:

Musée Ethnographique, Neuchâtel, Switzerland, 1970

£10,000-15,000





107

LARGE STONE CHURINGA
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

incised stone, oval in form, both faces incised with concentric circular and cross motif designs, the surface washed with red ochre, raised on a bespoke mount

33.6cm tall

Provenance: François Coppens, acquired on the European art market

Note: The word 'Tjurunga' derives from the Arrernte word Tywerenge, which means 'sacred' or 'precious'. They were the ancestors' most treasured possessions, with myths emphasising their magical properties. Each person was believed to have been a reincarnated 'ancestral' spirit being, their essential sacred essence expressed in the physical tjurunga form. During initiation, a youth received his own tjurunga and was gradually introduced by tribal elders to the secret knowledge concerning their own and other tjurunga, the ritual practices and belief systems passed down from one generation to the next. The intricate designs, engraved using possum teeth, recorded legends, with the various symbols serving to remind the reciter of the narrative. The markers have hundreds of different meanings, with the number of conventionalised symbols making up a very small proportion. The sacred nature of the tjurnuga meant that they could only be seen by initiated men during times of ceremony, with women and children strictly banned from laying eyes on them. Although tjurunga exist across Australia, the finest decorated stone examples come from Central Australia.

£5,000-8,000

108

SMALL CHURINGA
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

incised stone and natural earth pigments, elongated ovoid, both faces finely incised with complex geometric designs comprising concentric circles, radiating lines and meandering linear motifs, accented with ochre, raised on a bespoke mount

18.4cm wide

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium, acquired on the European art market

£1,500-2,500



OTHER PROPERTIES:

Though separated by vast distances and thousands of years, the Sabaean votive plaque of ancient South Arabia (lot 110), the Mesopotamian eye idols (lot 109), and the Aboriginal Australian churinga (lot 107) share a common purpose. Each acts as a bridge between the human and the spiritual, linking people, place, and belief through lasting acts of memory and devotion.

The Sabaean votive plaque was dedicated to the deceased within sanctuaries of deities such as Almaqah or Shams. Its inscriptions record prayers and names, ensuring that the memory of the dead remained present among the living and before the gods. The plaque gave tangible form to remembrance and devotion within sacred space.

In Mesopotamia, small alabaster eye idols were placed in temples such as the Eye Temple at Tell Brak. With their wide, staring eyes, they served as constant witnesses to worship, symbolising prayer and the connection between people and their gods.

The churinga, from Central Australia, also links the living and the ancestral. It embodies a being from the Dreaming (Tjukurrpa) and is treated as a living presence. Used in ceremony, it reconnects people with the creative acts of their ancestors and the land itself.

Across these traditions, the sacred is made real through material form. The Sabaean plaque keeps the dead in memory, the Mesopotamian idols sustain devotion, and the churinga maintains the living bond between people and their ancestors.



109

A PAIR OF "EYE IDOLS"
WESTERN ASIA, URUK PERIOD,
4TH MILLENNIUM B.C. OR LATER

carved and incised limestone,

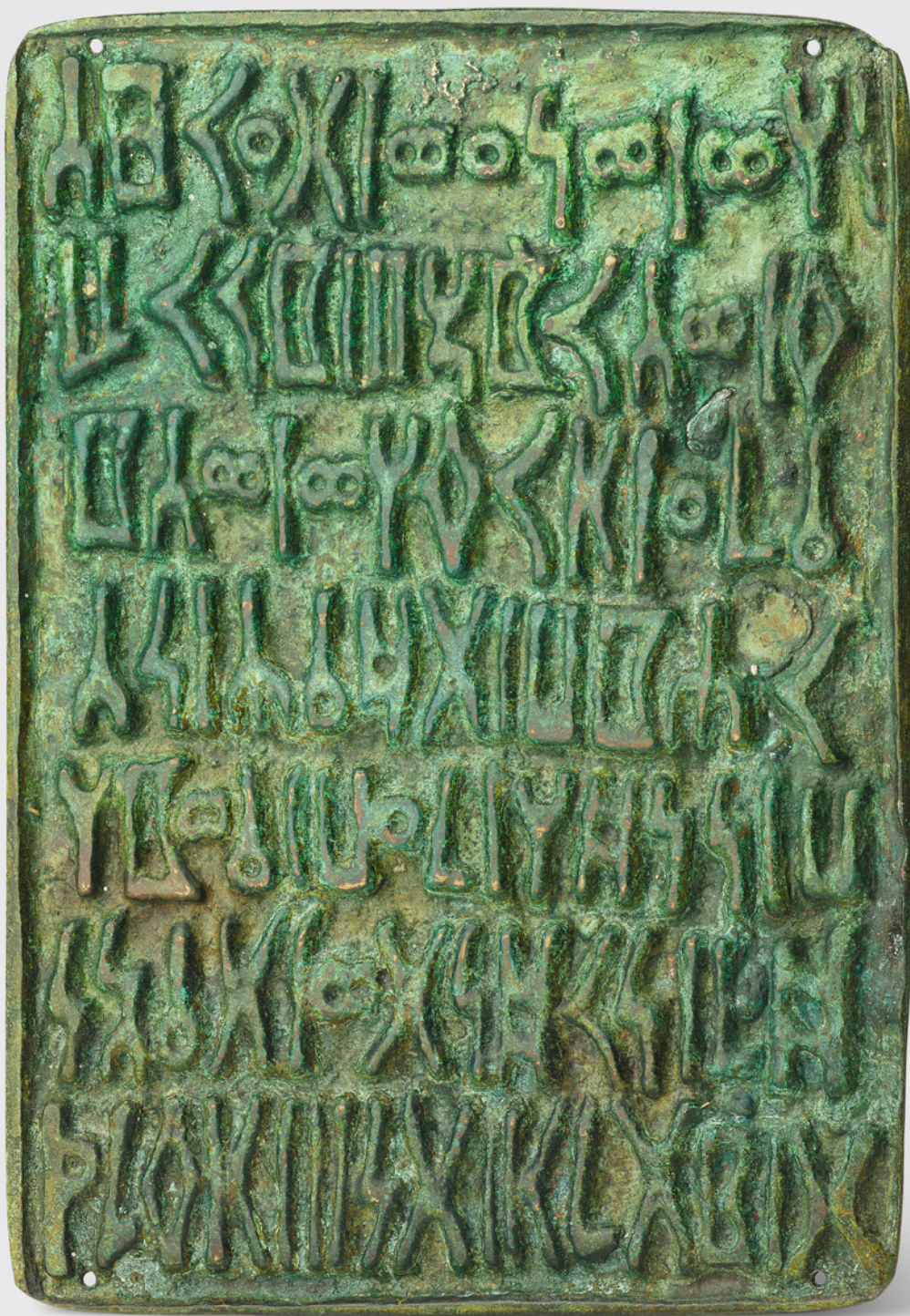
tallest 29.2cm

Provenance: With Bernard Blondeel, Antwerp, accompanied by statement dated 9th March 2004

Collection of Suzanne (1930-2025) and Joris Onzea-Govaerts, Itegem, Belgium, acquired from the above for circa EUR 120,000

The Onzea-Govaerts was principally curated by Axel Vervoodt and many pieces from the collection were recently sold at Christies

£2,000-3,000



110

**VOTIVE BRONZE
PLAQUE**

**SOUTHERN ARABIA, C. 1ST
- 3RD CENTURY A.D.**

cast copper alloy, seven
line Sabaean dedicatory
inscription in raised
characters

18.1 x 12.9cm

Provenance: Private
collection, Wittenberg

£3,000-5,000

111

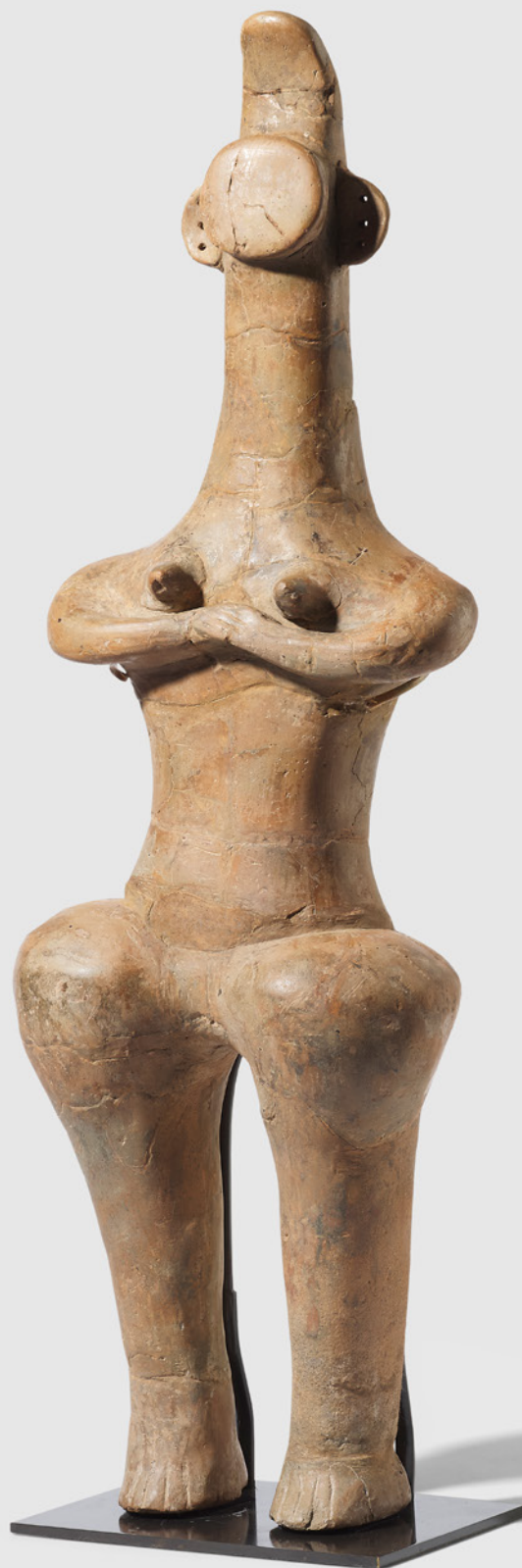
AMLASH IDOL**IRAN, CIRCA EARLY 1ST MILLENNIUM B.C.**

terracotta, large terracotta figure, highly stylised standing figure depicted nude, with exaggerated broad hips and short tapering legs, arms curved forward towards the small breasts, elongated neck supporting a head with abstracted features, raised on a bespoke mount
55cm tall

Provenance: Mahboubian Gallery of Ancient Art, New York, from at least 1966

Samuel Dubiner (1914-1993), Tel Aviv, acquired from the above prior to 1966, (accompanied by letter dated 20th November 1966 from Galerie Israel Ltd which lists this idol)

£3,000-5,000





112

AFRICAN NEOLITHIC PESTLE STONE
CENTRAL SAHARA, 5TH - 3RD MILLENNIUM B.C.

carved pale stone, narrow form, with a rounded end and tapering towards the top; the surface displaying a weathered mottling, soft patination

76cm long

Provenance: Private collection, Belgium, formed 1970s - present

Note: 12,000 years ago, global climate shifts redirected Africa's seasonal monsoons northward, bringing rainfall to a vast expanse of the modern Sahara. This transformation led to the formation of lush watersheds spanning from Egypt to Mauritania, attracting diverse animal life and eventually human settlement. The present piece dates to around 6,000 - 5,000 years before the present day, when a people known as the Tenerian herded, hunted and cultivated crops beside great lakes amidst a savannah environment. The rains departed again around 2,500 B.C., and the Green Sahara became a desert once more, with only artefacts such as this grinding stone left to bear witness to the society which had once flourished.

£300-500



113

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN TWO-FINGER AMULET
EGYPT, LATE PERIOD 664 - 332 B.C.

carved dark stone, composed of the index and middle fingers from a right hand, the obverse with articulation for the nails and knuckles, the reverse flat

9.7cm long

Provenance: John Hunt, Mayor of Preston (fl. 1920s), United Kingdom, thence by descent

John Hunt was the Mayor of Preston during the 1920s and played a key role in the town's civic life. In 1927, he hosted King Fuad I of Egypt during the monarch's visit to Horrockses Cotton Mills. As a gesture of thanks, Hunt was gifted a number of Egyptian artefacts, including the present piece

Note: This life-size amulet, depicting two stylised fingers, was used exclusively in burials. Typically placed on the lower left torso, it symbolically healed the incision made during mummification to remove the organs. Known examples date to the Late Period and are made from dark stones such as basalt, steatite or obsidian. As C. Andrews notes, their position suggests they represent the embalmer's fingers, intended to reaffirm the embalming or protect the most vulnerable area of the body.

For a similar example, please see The Michael C. Carlos Museum, Atlanta, United States, accession number 2018.010.1008.

£800-1,200

114

FLINT BIFACE

SOUTHWEST FRANCE, UPPER PALAEOLITHIC PERIOD, C. 50,000 - 12,000 B.C.

knapped flint, mottled grey-blue flint, worked along the entirety of one side to produce a cutting edge, the natural contours evoking a human face, the reverse with an ink inscription reading:

"Pécharmant sud Corbiac MB80"

11.5cm long

Provenance: Early to mid 20th century French collection (based upon ink inscription), indicating a find spot in the hills to the northeast of Bergerac. Formerly in the collection of the artist Tony Berlant (1941-present), New York, United States

Private collection, London, United Kingdom

£400-600



115

MEGALODON TOOTH

JAVA, MIOCENE PERIOD, 15 MILLION YEARS B.P.

a fine *Otodus megalodon* tooth, cream coloured, bearing fine serrations

14.1cm long

Note: Believed to have grown as large as 18 metres, the Megalodon (whose name translates as "large tooth") was the largest shark and one of the most dominant marine predators ever to have existed. It roamed the ancient seas for around 20 million years until their extinction around 3.6 million years ago.

With skeletal remains exceptionally rare, Megalodon teeth are valuable sources of study, as well as highly decorative reminders of one of the largest and most dangerous marine creatures ever to have lived.

Each specimen here displays a different hue, influenced and coloured over the millennia by the conditions in which it was preserved.

£400-600





116

PAIR OF BAMANA IRON FIGURES**MALI**

iron, each of schematic form and raised on a
bespoke mount (2)

largest 15.8cm tall

Provenance: Private collection, United Kingdom,
acquired 2010s

£200-300

117

PAIR OF PERSIAN BRONZE ANIMALS**WESTERN ASIA, 1ST MILLENNIUM B.C.**

bronze, both of schematic form, one representing a deer, the
other a wild boar (2)

largest 9cm long

Provenance: Private collection, United Kingdom, formed 1960s
- 2010s

£1,000-1,500



118

DINOSAUR FOSSIL SKELETON, PSITTACOSAURUS**LOWER CRETACEOUS PERIOD, 119 - 97.5 MILLION YEARS BP**a specimen of *Psittacosaurus sinensis*, encased within the original matrix

26.8cm long

£3,000-5,000

With its birdlike skull and distinctive beak-shaped mouth, *Psittacosaurus* whose name literally means “parrot lizard”, was a small, herbivorous dinosaur that lived during the Early Cretaceous period. Although it lacked the large frills and horns that characterised its later relatives, *Psittacosaurus* belonged to the Ceratopsia group, the same lineage that would eventually produce iconic species such as *Triceratops*. It was a herd-dwelling animal, likely using its beak to crop tough vegetation.



119

TAMI NECKREST
HUON GULF, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

carved wood, standing on a flat rectangular base with a bird (possibly a hornbill) support beneath a curved pillow

17.4cm long

Provenance: Private collection, Canada,
 acquired from the below
 Todd Barlin, Sydney, acquired at auction 1960s

£600-900

120

CASSOWARY FIGURE
AUSTRALIA

carved wood and pigment, raised on a bespoke mount

37.2cm tall

Provenance: François Coppens, Belgium

£300-500



121

OROMO CHAIR
ETHIOPIA

wood, carved from a single trunk, standing on three rounded legs with wrap around backrest, deep patination

89.5cm tall

Provenance: Private collection, United Kingdom

£800-1,200

**END OF SALE**

CONDITIONS OF SALE 25.2

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(ii) All types of gemstones may have been improved by some method. You may request a gemmological report for any Lot which does not have a report

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(ii) Corporate clients: Your Certificate of Incorporation or equivalent document(s) showing Your name and registered address together with documentary proof of directors and beneficial owners, and;

(iii) Trusts, partnerships, offshore companies and other business structures please contact us directly in advance to discuss requirements.

(b) We may also ask You to provide a financial reference and/or a deposit to allow You to bid. For help, please contact our Finance Department on +44(0)131 557 8844.

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4. BIDDING ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

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5. BIDDING IN PERSON

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1. SELLER'S WARRANTIES

For each Lot, the Seller gives a warranty that the Seller;

(a) Is the owner of the Lot or a joint owner of the Lot acting with the permission of the other co-owners, or if the Sellers is not the owner or a joint owner of the Lot, has the permission of the owner to sell the Lot, or the right to do so in law, and;

(b) Had the right to transfer ownership of the Lot to the Buyer without any restrictions or claims by anyone else. If either other above warranties are incorrect, the Seller shall not have to pay more than the Purchase Price (as defined in the glossary) paid by You to us. The Seller will not be responsible to You for any reason for loss of profits or business, expected savings, loss of opportunity or interest, costs, damages, other damages or expense. The Seller gives no warranty in relation to any Lot other than as set out above and, as far as the Seller is allowed by law, all warranties from the Seller to You, and all obligations upon the Seller which may be added to this agreement by law, are excluded.

2. AUTHENTICITY GUARANTEE

We guarantee that the authorship, period, or origin (collectively, "Authorship") of each Lot in this Catalogue is as stated in the BOLD or CAPITALISED type heading in the Catalogue description of the Lot, as amended by oral or written saleroom notes or announcements. We make

no warranties whatsoever, whether express or implied, with respect to any material in the Catalogue other than that appearing in the Bold or Capitalised heading and subject to the exclusions below.

In the event we, in our reasonable opinion, deem that the conditions of the authenticity guarantee have been satisfied, it shall refund to the original purchaser of the Lot the Hammer Price and applicable Buyer's Premium paid for the Lot by the original purchaser. This Guarantee does not apply if:

(a) The Catalogue description was in accordance with the opinion(s) of generally accepted scholar(s) and expert(s) at the date of the sale, or the Catalogue description indicated that there was a conflict of such opinions; or
(b) the only method of establishing that the Authorship was not as described in the Bold or Capitalised heading at the date of the sale would have been by means or processes not then generally available or accepted; unreasonably expensive or impractical to use; or likely (in our reasonable opinion) to have caused damage to the Lot or likely to have caused loss of value to the Lot; or
(c) There has been no material loss in value of the Lot from its value had it been in accordance with its description in the Bold or Capitalised type heading. This Guarantee is provided for a period of one year from the date of the relevant auction, is solely for the benefit of the original purchaser of the Lot at the auction and may not be transferred to any third party. To be able to claim under this Authenticity Guarantee, the original purchaser of the Lot must:

(a) notify us in writing within one month of receiving any information that causes the original purchaser of record to dispute the accuracy of the Bold or Capitalised type heading, specifying the Lot number, date of the auction at which it was purchased and the reasons for such dispute; and
(b) return the Lot to our registered office in the same condition as at the date of sale to the original purchaser of record and be able to transfer good title to the Lot, free from any third party claims arising after the date of such sale.

We have discretion to waive any of the above requirements. We may require the original purchaser of the Lot to obtain, at the original purchaser of Lot's cost, the reports of two independent and recognised experts in the field. The reports must be mutually acceptable to us and the original purchaser of the Lot. We shall not be bound by any reports produced by the original purchaser of the Lot, and Reserves the right to seek additional expert advice at its own expense. It is specifically understood and agreed that the rescission of a sale and the refund of the original Purchase Price paid (the successful Hammer Price, plus the

Buyer's Premium) is exclusive and in lieu of any other remedy which might otherwise be available as a matter of law. Lyon & Turnbull and the Seller shall not be liable for any incidental or consequential damages incurred or claimed, including without limitation, loss of profits or interest.

3. YOUR WARRANTIES

(a) You warrant that the funds used for settlement are not connected with any criminal activities, including tax evasion and You are neither; under investigation, have been charged with or convicted of money laundering, terrorist activities or other crimes.

(b) Where You are bidding on behalf of another person You warrant that:

- (i) You have conducted appropriate customer due diligence on the ultimate Buyer(s) of the Lot(s) in accordance with all relevant anti-money laundering legislation, consent to us relying on this due diligence, and You will retain for a period of not less than five years the documentation evidencing the due diligence. You will make such documentation promptly available for immediate inspection by a third party auditor upon our written request to do so;
- (ii) The arrangements between You and the ultimate Buyer(s) in relation to the Lot or otherwise do not, in whole or in part, facilitate tax crimes, and;
- (iii) You do not know, and have no reason to suspect that the funds used for settlement are connected with the proceeds of any criminal activity, including tax evasion, or that the ultimate Buyer(s) are under investigation or have been charged with or convicted of money-laundering, terrorist activities, or other crimes.

F. PAYMENT

1. MAKING PAYMENT

(a) Within 7 days of a Lot being sold You will pay to us the Total Amount Due in cash or by such other method as is agreed by us. We accept cash, bank transfer (details on request), debit cards and Visa or Master Card credit cards. Please note that we do not accept cash payments over £5,000 per Buyer per year.

(b) Any payments by You to us can be applied by us towards any sums owing by You to us howsoever incurred and without agreement by You or Your agent, whether express or implied.

(c) We will only accept payment from the registered Bidder. Once issued, we cannot change the Buyer's name on an invoice or re-issue the invoice in a different name.

(d) The ownership of any Lots purchased shall not pass to You until You have made payment in full to us of the Total Amount Due. The risk in and the responsibility for the Lot will transfer to You from whichever is the earlier of the following:

- (i) When You collect the Lot; or
- (ii) At the end of the 30th day following

the date of the auction, or, if earlier, the date the Lot is taken into care by a third party unless we have agreed otherwise with You in writing.

(e) You shall at Your own risk and expense take away any Lots that You have purchased and paid for not later than 7 working days following the day of the auction or upon the clearance of any payment whichever is later. Please note we do not accept cheques. We can provide You with a list of shippers. However, we will not be responsible for the acts or omissions of carriers or packers whether or not recommended by us.

(f) No purchase can be claimed or removed until it has been paid for.

(g) It is the Buyer's responsibility to ascertain collection procedures, particularly if the sale is not being held at our main sale room and the potential storage charges for Lots not collected by the appropriate time.

2. IN THE EVENT OF NON-PAYMENT

If any Lot is not paid for in full and taken away in accordance with these Conditions or if there is any other breach of these Conditions, we, as agent for the Sellers and on their behalf, shall at our absolute discretion and without prejudice to any other rights we may have, be entitled to exercise one or more of the following rights and remedies:

(a) To proceed against You for damages for breach of contract;

(b) To rescind the contract for sale of that Lot and/or any other Lots sold by us to You;

(c) To resell the Lot(s) (by auction or private treaty) in which case You shall be responsible for any resulting deficiency in the Total Amount Due (after crediting any part payment and adding any resale costs).

(d) To remove, store and insure the Lot in the case of storage, either at our premises or elsewhere and to recover from You all costs incurred in respect thereof;

(e) To charge interest at a rate of 5% a year above the Bank of Scotland base rate from time to time on all sums outstanding for more than 7 working days after the sale;

(f) To retain that or any other Lot sold to You until You pay the Total Amount Due;

(g) To reject or ignore bids from You or Your agent at future auctions or to impose conditions before any such bids shall be accepted;

(h) To apply any proceeds of sale of other Lots due or which become due to You towards the settlement of the Total Amount Due by You and to exercise a lien over any of Your property in our possession for any purpose until the debt due is satisfied. You will be deemed to have granted such security to us and we may retain such property as collateral security

for Your obligations to us; we may decide to sell Your property in any way we think appropriate. We will use the proceeds of the sale against any amounts You owe us and we will pay any amount left from that sale to You. If there is a shortfall, You must pay us the balance; and

(i) Take any other action we see necessary or appropriate.

G. COLLECTION & STORAGE

(1) It is the Buyer's responsibility to ascertain collection procedures, particularly if the sale is not being held at our main sale room and the potential storage charges for Lots not collected by the appropriate time. Information on collection is set out in the Catalogue and our Website

(2) Unless agreed otherwise, You must collect purchased Lots within seven days from the auction. Please note the Lots will only be released upon full payment being received.

(3) If You do not collect any Lot within seven days following the auction we can, at our discretion;

(i) Charge You storage costs at the rates set out on our Website.

(ii) Move the Lot to another location or an affiliate or third party and charge You transport and administration costs for doing so and You will be subject to the third party storage terms and pay for their fees and costs.

(iii) Sell the Lot in any way we think reasonable.

H. TRANSPORT & SHIPPING

1. TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING

We will include transport and shipping information with each invoice sent to You as well as displayed on our Website. You must make all transport and shipping arrangements.

2. EXPORT OF GOODS

Buyers intending to export goods should ascertain;

(a) Whether an export licence is required; and

(b) Whether there is any specific prohibition on importing goods of that character, e.g. items that may contain prohibited materials such as ivory or rhino horn. It is the Buyer's sole responsibility to obtain any relevant export or import licence. The denial of any licence or any delay in obtaining licences shall neither justify the recession of any sale nor any delay in making full payment for the Lot.

3. CITES: ENDANGERED PLANTS AND ANIMALS LEGISLATION

Please be aware that all Lots marked with the symbol **Y** may be subject to CITES regulations when exporting these items outside the EU. These regulations may be found at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla-en/imports-exports/cites>. We accept no liability for any Lots which may be subject to CITES but have not been identified as such.

I. OUR LIABILITY TO YOU

(a) We give no warranty in relation to any statement made, or information give, by us, our representatives or employees about any Lot other than as set out in the authenticity warranty and as far as we are allowed by law, all warranties and other terms which may be added to this agreement by law are exclude. The Seller's warranties contained in paragraph E.1 are their own and we do not have a liability in relation to those warranties.

(b) (i) We are not responsible to You for any reason whether for breaking this agreement or any other matter relating to Your purchase of, or bid for, any Lot other than in the event of fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by us other than as expressly set out in these conditions of sale; or

(ii) We do not give any representation, warranty or guarantee or assume any liability for a kind in respect of any Lot with regard to merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, description, size, quality, condition, attribution, authenticity, rarity, importance, medium, provenance, exhibition history, literature or historical relevance, except as required by local law, any warranty of any kind is excluded by this paragraph.

(c) In particular, please be aware that our written and telephone bidding services, Lyon & Turnbull Live, Condition Reports, currency converter and saleroom video screens are free services and we are not responsible for any error (human or otherwise) omission or breakdown in these services.

(d) We have no responsibility to any person other than a Buyer in connection with the purchase of any Lot

(e) If in spite of the terms of this paragraph we are found to be liable to You for any reason, we shall not have to pay more than the Purchase Price paid by You to us. We will not be responsible for any reason for loss of profits, business, loss of opportunity or value, expected savings or interest, costs damages or expenses.

J. OTHER TERMS

1. OUR ABILITY TO CANCEL

In addition to the other rights of cancellation contained in this agreement, we can cancel the sale of a Lot if;

- (i) Any of our warranties are not correct, as set out in paragraph E3,
- (ii) We reasonably believe that completing the transaction is or may be unlawful; or
- (iii) We reasonably believe that the sale places us or the Seller under any liability to anyone else or may damage our reputation.

2. RECORDINGS

We may videotape and record proceedings at any auction. We will keep any personal information confidential, except to the extent disclosure is required by law if You do not wish to be videotaped, You may make arrangements to bit by telephone or a written bid or bid on Lyon & Turnbull Live instead. Unless we agree otherwise in writing, You may not videotape or record proceedings at any auction.

3. COPYRIGHT

We own the copyright in respect of all images, illustrations and written material produced by or for us relating to a Lot. (Including Catalogue entries unless otherwise noted in the Catalogue) You cannot use them without our prior written permission. We do not offer any guarantee that You will gain any copyright or other reproductions to the Lot.

4. ENFORCING THIS AGREEMENT

If a court finds that any part of this agreement is not valid or is illegal or impossible to enforce, that part of the agreement will be treated as deleted and the rest of this agreement will remain in force.

5. TRANSFERRING YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

You may not grant a security over or transfer Your rights of responsibilities under these terms on the contract of sale with the Buyer unless we have given our written permission. This agreement will be binding on Your successors or estate and anyone who takes over Your rights and responsibilities.

6. REPORTING ON WWW.LYONANDTURNBULL.COM

Details of all Lots sold by us, including Catalogue disruptions and prices, may be reported on www.lyonandturnbull.com. Sales totals are Hammer Price plus Buyer's Premium and do not reflect any additional fees that may have been incurred. We regret we cannot agree to requests to remove these details from our Website.

7. SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY

- (a) The same Conditions of Sale (Buyers) shall apply to sales by private treaty.
- (b) Private treaty sales made under these Conditions are deemed to be sales by auction and subject to our agreed charges for Sellers and Buyers.
- (c) We undertake to inform the Seller of any offers it receives in relation to an item prior to any Proposed Sale, excluding the normal method of commission bids.
- (d) For the purposes of a private treaty sale, if a Lot is sold in any other currency than Sterling, the exchange rate is to be taken on the date of sale.

8. THIRD PARTY LIABILITY

All members of the public on our premises are there at their own risk and must note the lay-out of the premises,

safety and security arrangements. Accordingly, neither the Auctioneer nor our employees or agents shall incur liability for death or personal injury or similarly for the safety of the property of persons visiting prior to, during or after a sale.

9. DATA PROTECTION

Where we obtain any personal information about You, we shall use it in accordance with the terms of our Privacy Policy (subject to any additional specific consent(s) You may have given at the time Your information was disclosed). A copy of our Privacy Policy can be found on our Website www.lyonandturnbull.com or requested from Client Services, 33 Broughton Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3RR or by email from data.enquiries@lyonandturnbull.com.

10. FORCE MAJEURE

We shall be under no liability if they shall be unable to carry out any provision of the Contract of Sale for any reason beyond their control including (without limiting the foregoing) an act of God, legislation, war, fire, flood, drought, failure of power supply, lock-out, strike or other action taken by employees in contemplation or furtherance of a dispute or owing to any inability to procure materials required for the performance of the contract.

11. LAW AND JURISDICTION

(a) Governing Law: These Conditions of Sale and all aspects of all matters, transactions or disputes to which they relate or apply shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, Scots law

(b) Jurisdiction: The Buyer agrees that the Courts of Scotland are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle all disputes arising in connection with all aspects of all matters or transactions to which these Conditions of Sale relate or apply.

K. DEFINITIONS & GLOSSARY

The following words and phrases used have (unless the context otherwise requires) the meaning to given to them below. The go Glossary is to assist You to understand words and phrases which have a specific legal meaning which You may not be familiar with.

1. DEFINITIONS

"Auctioneer" Lyon & Turnbull Ltd (Registered in Scotland No: 191166 | Registered address: 33 Broughton Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3RR) or it's authorised representative conducting the sale, as appropriate;

"Bidder" a person who has completed a Bidding Form

"Bidding Form" our Bidding Registration Form our Absentee Bidding Form or our Telephone Bidding Form.

"Buyer" the person to whom a Lot is knocked down by the Auctioneer. The Buyer is also referred to by the words "You" and "Your"

"Buyer's Premium" the sum calculated on the Hammer Price at the rates stated in Catalogue.

"Catalogue" the Catalogue relating to the relevant Sale, including any representation on our Website

"Condition Report" the report on the physical condition of a Lot provided to a Bidder or potential Bidder by us on behalf of the Seller.

"Estimate" a statement of our opinion of the range within the hammer is likely to fall.

"Hammer Price" the level of bidding reached (at or above any Reserve) when the Auctioneer brings down the hammer;

"High Cumulative Value of Lot" several Lots with a total lower Estimate value of £30,000 or above;

"High Value Lot" a Lot with a lower Estimate of £30,000 or above;

"Lot" each Item offered for sale by Lyon & Turnbull;

"Purchase Price" is the aggregate of Hammer Price and any applicable Buyer's Premium, VAT on the Hammer Price (where applicable), VAT on the Buyer's Premium and any other applicable expenses;

"Reserve" the lowest price below which an item cannot be sold whether at auction or by private treaty;

"Sale" the auction sale at which a Lot is to be offered for sale by us.

"Seller" the person who offers the Lot for Sale. We act as agent for the Seller.

"Total Amount Due" the Hammer Price in respect of the Lot sold together with any premium, Value Added Tax or other taxes chargeable and any additional charges payable by a defaulting Buyer under these Conditions;

"VAT" value added tax at the prevailing rate at the date of the sale in the United Kingdom.

"Website" Lyon & Turnbull's Website at www.lyonandturnbull.com

2. GLOSSARY

The following have specific legal meaning which You may not be familiar with. The following glossary is intended to give You an understanding of those expressions but is not intended to restrict their legal meanings:

"Artist's Resale Right" the right of the creator of a work of art to receive a payment on Sales of that work subsequent to

"Knocked Down" when a Lot is sold to a Bidder, indicated by the fall of the hammer at the Sale.

"Lien" a right for the person who has possession of the Lot to retain possession of it.

"Risk" the possibility that a Lot may be lost, damaged, destroyed, stolen, or deteriorate in condition or value.

"Title" the legal and equitable right to the ownership of a Lot.

GUIDE TO **BIDDING & PAYMENT**

REGISTRATION

All potential buyers must register prior to placing a bid. Registration information may be submitted in person at our registration desk, by email, or on our website. Please note that first-time bidders, and those returning after an extended period, will be asked to supply the following documents in order to facilitate registration:

- 1 – Government issued photo ID
(Passport/Driving licence)
- 2 – Proof of address
(utility bill/bank statement).

We may, at our option, also ask you to provide a bank reference and/or deposit.

By registering for the sale, the buyer acknowledges that he or she has read, understood and accepted our Conditions of Sale.

BIDDING

Registered bidders will be assigned a non-transferable bidder number. Once the first bid has been placed, the auctioneer asks for higher bids in increments determined by the auctioneer. All lots will be invoiced to the name and address given during your registration. There will be no in-room bidding for this auction.

BIDDING OUTSIDE THE SALEROOM

BY PHONE

A limited number of telephone lines are available for bidding by phone through a Lyon & Turnbull representative. Phone lines must be reserved in advance. All bid requests must be received an hour before the sale. All telephone bids must be confirmed in writing, listing the relevant lots and appropriate number to be called. We recommend that a covering bid is also left in the event that we are unable to make the call. We cannot guarantee that lines will be available, or that we will be able to call you on the day, but will endeavour to undertake such bids to the best of our abilities. This service is available entirely at our discretion and at the bidder's risk.

IN WRITING

Bid forms are available at the sale and/or the back of the catalogue. These should be submitted in person, by post, or by fax as soon as possible prior to the sale and we will bid on your behalf up to the limit indicated. In the event of receiving two identical bids the first one received will take precedence. All bids must be received an hour before the sale. This service is provided entirely at the bidder's risk.

ON THE INTERNET

- ABSENTEE BIDDING

Leave a bid online through our website, call us on 0131 557 8844 or email info@lyonandturnbull.com

- BID LIVE ONLINE

Bid live online, for free, with Lyon & Turnbull Live. Just click the button from the auction calendar, sale page or any lot page online to register.

PAYMENT

Our accounts teams will continue to be available to process payments and answer queries. We will be able to accept online payments through our website and bank transfer. On-site payment facilities are available by appointment.

Payment is due within seven (7) days of the sale. Lots purchased will not be released until full payment has been received. Payment may be made by the following methods:

BANK TRANSFER

Account details are included on any invoices we issue or upon request from our accounts department.

ONLINE CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS

We no longer accept card payments by phone. Please use our online payment service (provided by Stripe).

You will find a link to this service in any email invoice issued or you can visit the payments section of our website.

CASH

No cash payments will be accepted for this auction.

COLLECTION OF PURCHASED LOTS

Please refer to page 2 of this catalogue.





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