



Head-Rest

Date
1800-1840

Medium
Wood

Description
Kali or head rest, from Tonga, of red coloured wood. This

is an important item because it supports the head, the most sacred part of the body - the residence of a person's Mana. Because of its significant personal nature, it is insulting to touch a kali without the owner's prior permission. Head rests were used to keep a man's hair arrangement intact while sleeping.

Dimensions
Object/Work: 470 x 12 mm