Finch & Co



**NEW ZEALAND MAORI JADE HAND CLUB 'MERE POUNAMU'**

A NEW ZEALAND MAORI JADE HAND CLUB 'MERE POUNAMU' FASHIONED FROM AN ANCIENT DISUSED CEREMONIAL ADZE BLADE

THE GRIP WITH A LARGE STONE DRILLED HOLE

18TH CENTURY

SIZE: 20CM LONG, 8CM WIDE, 1.5CM DEEP – 8 INS LONG, 3 INS WIDE, ½ INS DEEP

**LITERATURE**

THE POWER OR 'MANA' OF CERTAIN MAORI JADE WEAPONS, ACCORDING TO TRADITIONAL HISTORIES, WAS SO GREAT THAT SOME IMPORTANT WARRIORS KNOWING THEIR END WAS NEAR HAVE ASKED TO BE DISPATCHED BY A FAMOUS WEAPON, OR SUPPLIED THEIR OWN ILLUSTRIOUS CLUB TO THE EXECUTIONER, TO BE SURE THAT THEY WOULD PASS INTO THE NEXT WORLD WITH DIGNITY AND HONOUR.