

Basic Detail Report



Whistle

Date

ca. 600-900

Primary Maker

Maya (archaeological culture)

Medium

pottery and pigment

Description

The poison glands of the Bufo Marinus produce a highly toxic secretion which is usually lethal. However, when ingested under particular circumstances it is hallucinogenic and was often used by shamans. The bulbous, punctilated humps over the fronts legs represent the poison sacs.

Dimensions

Overall: 2 x 5 3/8 x 4 1/2 in. (5.1 x 13.7 x 11.4 cm)