

Dear Jorgen,

here is the provenance of the Asmat shield.

we have had it in our collection since early 1990's when we started collecting in Asmat.  
It was field collected in the village Amborep (Central Asmat)  
West Papua (then Irian Jaya)

The strong large motifs have a strong relationship with the natural and spiritual environment of the Asmat people. In this case Kuskus tails, and the Bipane motif (the nose decoration made of shell)  
Pigments are found in nature as well (earth, shell and coal = red white and black.

Mainly used for dance during ceremonies while before they were also used during tribal fights  
(protection of the bow and arrow warriors)

Hopefully it won't be too long before it arrives.  
I will keep track on it

Cheers,  
Koos

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