

# Basic Detail Report

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## Necklace

### Date

ca. 1000-1550

### Primary Maker

Greater Nicoya

### Medium

greenstone and jade

### Description

Stone beads ranging in size and shape set off a large pendant of an abstracted avian axe-god. The power of birds as spirit companions and symbols of life force

continued for millennia throughout Mesoamerica, but especially in the Greater Nicoya region. Greenstone and jade were used interchangeably for decorative items, demonstrating that the significance was in the color and form, not necessarily the geology.

### Dimensions

Overall: 10 3/8 x 1 7/8 x 3/8 in. (26.4 x 4.8 x 1 cm)