

Basic Detail Report



Whistle

Date

ca. 500-1000

Primary Maker

Central Highlands/Atlantic Watershed

Medium

pottery and paint

Description

The collared peccary (*Tayassu tajacu*) is a large mammal native to the American tropics and one of the most preferred game animals of indigenous populations. Social creatures that live in herds, they are not threatening to humans unless provoked. This simple whistle celebrates the jovial nature of peccaries and suggests that these creatures were celebrated in rituals or feasts. The double-headed design of this piece may be due to the social habits of this animal or may be a stylistic feature as seen on the jaguar ocarina in the exhibition.

Dimensions

Overall: 2 1/4 x 4 7/8 x 1 3/8 in. (5.7 x 12.4 x 3.5 cm)