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A PENDANT FOUND IN HUAHINE, SOCIETY ISLANDS

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While my local assistant, Mr Tihoti Russell, and I were restoring Marae Anini at Tiva Point, Parea, Huahine Iti Island in the Society Group in 1967, we prospected in the adjacent area whenever time permitted. Among our surface collection of stone adzes, stone pounders, and pearl shell hooks, one shell object is of special interest, particularly for New Zealand students. The object is a conus-shell pendant (Fig. 1a). Although thinner, its shape is similar to those of the Archaic New Zealand culture (Duff 1956, Fig. 25, G). It is 52 mm long, 20 mm in maximum width, and 5.5 mm in maximum thickness. One end is sharply pointed with an out-curved tip. Only the interior surface, which is the back side of the pendant, was unworked; all the rest shows evidence of having been ground.

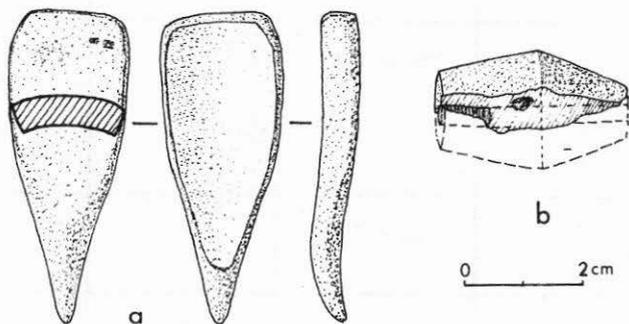


Figure 1. Ornaments from Parea, Huahine Iti, Society Islands.
a, conus-shell pendant (TH-123);
b, stalactite reel (ScH-145).

