

# WHY WEAR HORN EARRINGS?



Organic horn and bone jewelry is typically made from the remains of the domestic Asian water buffalo.

The buffalo is an integral part of life in Southeast Asia, used on farms for labor and milk, and when the animal dies, no part of it goes to waste.



After death, the buffalo provides meat, leather, and--from its horn and bones--jewelry. Water buffalo in Asia are never killed just for their horns: the rest of the creature is far too valuable for that!

The crafting of jewelry from a buffalo's remains is a tradition that goes back for generations in Southeast Asia.



**HORN**

**VS**

**BONE**



Horn jewelry will generally be black, with some variations resulting in dark brown to lighter amber shades.



Bone, of course, will be white.

**ORGANIC PLUGS**

**PROS**

**VS**

**CONS**

The pros of going organic with your jewelry are fairly obvious: The native crafting traditions remain largely unchanged and can produce beautiful, unique pieces.



The jewelry will not have any chemical treatments, and you'll know that the materials were harvested in a responsible, respectful manner.

However, organic materials such as horn, bone, and wood should



**NOT**



be used in freshly stretched ears.



These materials are porous and will absorb moisture and bacteria from the healing skin, which can cause infection.

## MAINTENANCE

Horn and bone jewelry is prone to splintering. To prevent this, you should lightly polish your organic jewelry every few weeks with jojoba or coconut oil.



Clean as needed with mild soap and water, rinsing and drying immediately after. Never leave organic jewelry to soak in water or any other liquid! Do not store organic jewelry in a sunny place, or expose it to extreme temperatures.