An Ceremonial Knife Kota Gabon People Type Onzil Musele Osele Throwing Knife?



2 250 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Wrought iron

Length : 33

Height : 31

Description

Large antique bird knife of the Kota people type osele/musele onzil Gabon
Tribe: Kota
Country Gabon
Period: Late 19th / early 20th century.
Dimensions: 33 x 31 cm
Perfect condition
Museum quality hornbill type Kota bird knife It is an onzil/osele, but by mistake these knives are called throwing knives, although they were never intended to be used as a weapon. They are mostly ceremonial and also used in some religious processions. The shape of the blade is in the style of the head of the Hornbill, a bird much admired in Africa, hence the usual title "bird's head knife". Most likely originating from the Kota people of Gabon and later adopted by the Fang and other

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