



## Eben Ceremonial Sword - Nigeria - End Of The 19th Century - Beginning Of The 20th Century



1 880 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

### Description

#### Eben Ceremonial Sword

Edo culture, Kingdom of Benin, Nigeria

Late 19th century - early 20th century

Iron

H. 89.5 ; L 17.5 cm

An important sword with a stylised fan-shaped blade, symmetrically perforated in a geometric pattern. The spindle is in twisted carved ivory, the pommel openwork in a large oval ring with four diamond-shaped sides.

These swords were the pomp and ceremony of dignitaries on the occasion of annual festivals in honour of ancestors.

Bibliography:

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