Bandia/nsakara Shield



1 600 EUR

Period : 19th century
Condition : Bon état
Material : Other
Width : 38cm
Height : 101cm

Description

Rattan-woven wicker shields are found throughout much of Africa, primarily in the Congo. The shape, style and decoration vary within each tribe. Shields represent rank and social status and have a functional use in war, but also a ceremonial function within the village, such as their use at burial sites.
This example has its origins among the Bandia/Nsakara people of Congo, in central Africa. The oval handle covered with rattan is the main indicator attributed to the Bandia/Nsakara people. However, similar styles are seen in Azande culture.

This example: A fantastic authentic example with a fine patina and in good condition.
Bandia/Nsakara shields are very rare as they

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come from a fairly small population and many shields were lost during the former French and Belgian rule in these areas.

Condition: Good, traces of use, mainly on the edges and some old wall paintings inside.