



## Kabyle Ritual Circumcision Knife

120 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

Length : 23.4 cm



### Description

This "weapon" is rare, since it is a Kabyle ritual knife intended for circumcision. The decoration leaves no doubt about its origin, it is the type of handle with chiseled brass decoration that is found on traditional flissas

**BLADE:** it is double-edged, with a lenticular section. It features the chiseled representation of opposing crescents, and 3 circular brass pellets on each side.

These three pellets and the 3 double crescents refer to the 3 principles: Al-Islam (practice), Al-Iman (Faith), and Al-Ihsan (benevolence)

Blade length = 13.8 cm, width near the handle = 2.6 cm, thickness near the handle 3 mm

**HANDLE:** it is covered with a sheet of brass chiseled with geometric patterns, and ends with a sort of rounded triangle, called "peacock tail" (the

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peacock in Islam is a symbol of the universe, or the moon)

This knife was collected in the 1900s, it comes from the family of a missionary. It will complete for a modest price a collection of weapons related to the Kabyle tradition

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