Sanza, Chokwe, Democratic Republic Of Congo, Angola, 19th Century.



370 EUR

Period : 19th century
Condition : Etat d'usage
Material : Solid wood
Width : 7,4 cm
Height : 14,1 cm

Description

Rectangular 5-blade Sanza This rectangular sanza has five metal blades, or lamellae, that produce sounds when plucked. The instrument is engraved with ancestral geometric and circular patterns evoking the spots of a feline, symbols of power and prestige. Hardwood, wrought iron, brass wire. Old honey and brown patina, with signs of use. Good general condition, see photos. Chokwe, Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, 19th century. Dimensions: 14.1 x 7.4 cm. Provenance: Former collection of a notary from central France, acquired after inheritance. Sold with certificate of authenticity from the expert Serge Reynes. Guarantee of origin and period. * Shipping costs on estimate Among the Chokwe, the sanza accompanies ritual ceremonies, initiation rites and musical performances. The

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instrument is also used to transmit stories and teachings. The circular motifs, inspired by the fur of a feline such as the leopard, symbolize power and authority. Such a sanza would have been intended for a high dignitary, as evidenced by the finesse of its engravings and the quality of its manufacture.