



Balinese Knife "tiuk Pengentas"



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Metal

Length : 39.5cm

Description

The "Tiuk Pengentas" is a knife used for funeral ceremonies. Most Balinese believe in reincarnation and when a deceased person is cremated, they are first carried in public with a grand procession. Then the priest cuts the cloth cord from the body of the deceased with the "Tiuk Pengentas", which resembles a separation of the person from earthly life, both physically and mentally. The term "wedung" is often used for these ceremonial knives, but "wedung" is a Javanese term, used for a Javanese ceremonial knife. The term "Tiuk Pengentas" is Bahasa Balinese and comes specifically from Buleleng and Singaraja.

A rather elegant and unusual example with a stylized karbouw horn handle, enclosed in brass

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ferrules. The right side of the blade has an intricate decoration in thick silver inlay of foliage in the typical Balinese manner. The back features a stylistic "naga" demon chiseled in steel and has segmented sections filled with brass. The left side of the blade features an etched foliage decoration surrounding a small groove that runs through the central segment of the blade.

Handle Length: 14.5cm

Blade Length: 25cm

Blade spine Thickness: 6.5mm

Overall Length: 39.5cm

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