Cephalophorus Recade - Fon Culture?, Benin - 19th Century



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

Description

Cephalophorus RecadeFon culture, Benin19th centuryKake wood, steel, iron and aluminiumLength: 49.5 cm; Length: 13 cm A monoxyle kake wood recade with a slightly curved handle ending in an aluminium ring. The distal end is angled and the head is shaped into a stylised face: it is topped with a large crest made from a cut steel blade, its eyes are revealed by two large riveted iron nails and an iron ring holding the blade prefigures a torque necklace.Recades were seen as sceptres, batons of command or emblems of authority for the récadère: the bearer of the recade, also known as the messenger.Text and photos © FCP CORIDON Ref.LP5326

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