



## Iron Sword Known As "masks" - Luristan (Iouristan), 1100-700 Bc



4 000 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Wrought iron

### Description

Iron sword known as "with masks" - Luristan (Louristan), 1100-700 BCRare but well-known type of sword from Luristan (in Archaic Persia, present-day Iran), among the very first iron swords of humanity. This type of sword with masks appears in Luristan at the very end of the Iron Age I and seems to disappear at the beginning of the Iron Age III (1100-700 BC). This one is in an exceptional state of preservation. Very few examples are known in this state of preservation. One is in the Louvre under the inventory number AO 20881 (exhibited Sully, [AO] Room 306, display case 10) <https://collections.louvre.fr/ark:/53355/cl010130310> Discoidal pommel decorated with two human heads. Ringed handle and straight, double-edged blade. For another example of a

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Châteauneuf-sur-Charente 16120

similar sword, see the Louvre, inventory number

AO 18665:

<https://collections.louvre.fr/ark:/53355/cl0102155>

87 Bibliography: - Bronzes of Luristan, enigmas

of Ancient Iran 3rd-1st millennium BC (page 91,

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Ars Asiatica XVII, Bronzes of Luriastan by

André Godard, 1931. Page 40-41, plate X,

number 22 and 22bis. Length 41.5cm Blade

length 26cm Weight 637gr