



Rostrum/narwhal Tooth, 20th Century, Greenland



11 000 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Bone

Length : 88,5 cm

Description

- Narwhal rostrum dating from the 20th century, country of origin: Greenland-This rostrum comes from a Narwhal, a cetacean living in the icy waters of the Arctic Ocean, rarely observed and known by the scientific name of "Monodon monoceros". The male of the species has a single tusk; it is a tooth, a modified upper left incisor. This helical tusk, describes a spiral turning to the left, which can reach up to seven meters long. This tusk, long and twisted, has given rise to many legends for centuries and became one of the centerpieces of cabinets of curiosities during the Renaissance. Nicknamed the "unicorn of the seas", the Narwhal was seen as an animal endowed with magical powers and many virtues were attributed to its tusk.- Length: 88.5 cm. Base sold separately. -A chip is noted in the lower part

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