



# Indonesian Illustrated Manuscript "pustaha" In Batak Language Sumatra Circa 1950



### 200 EUR

Period : 20th century Condition : Très bon état Material : Solid wood Length : 9,6 Width : 8,5

## Description

Anonymous - Indonesian "Pustaha" manuscript. Manuscript made up of 10 sheets of beaten agalloche bark (precious wood from Eastern India and Southeast Asia), folded accordion-style and written on both sides, under two plates made from the scapula bone of a Sumatran cow, the upper plate is engraved with a lizard in relief (96 x 85 mm). Very good condition. This collection is written in the Batak language; the Batak culture developed in Indonesia on the shores of Lake Toba in northern Sumatra. It serves as a memory aid for Datus (priest, sorcerer, doctor, diviner, astrologer) and their disciples. It contains formulas for the practices of magical rituals, recipes, remedies, spells, all illustrated with drawings [in black, bistre and red]. This is most

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