



## Fighting Stick Called Taiaha - Curios - Maori Culture, New Zealand, Polynesia



580 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Solid wood

### Description

COMBAT HANDKERCHIEF called Taiaha -  
CURIOSMaori culture, New Zealand,  
Polynesia20th centuryWood and  
mother-of-pearlLength: 104 ; L.: 9 cmCarved  
with a Janus head, called upoko, with  
mother-of-pearl disk-encrusted eyes, and a long  
hanging tongue, the arero, punctuated with  
symmetrical scroll motifs. The cylindrical shaft is  
fitted with a grip called a tinana, and flares out at  
the proximal end to form the rau - the flattened  
end serving as a puzzle.This weapon is also a  
symbol of authority.Given the nature of the  
object, this is certainly an early 20th century  
curios.Illustration: "Two Maoris fighting with a  
Taiaha", J. White, The Ancient History of the  
Maori, 6 vols. 1887-1891.Catalogue number:

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