



## Mandjong Currency



750 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Wrought iron

Height : 51 & 49 cm

### Description

PIECE Mandjong currency  
blade REGION Gabon CULTURE Kwele,  
Bakwele DATE First half of the 20th  
century MEDIUM Iron CONDITION Patina of use,  
one restoration DESCRIPTION Anchor-shaped  
currencies, called Mandjong, were introduced in  
the early 20th century by merchants of the  
N'Goko Sangha company in order to acquire  
ivory. According to the writings of Jane Guyer,  
these currencies were used in the Ogooué basin to  
purchase wives. Fine examples, showing a  
beautiful oxidation with variations of  
orange-toned hues. A comparable piece was  
loaned by the Musée de l'Homme in 1966 for the  
Houston Festival of Arts. PROVENANCE Former  
collection of Guy Keribin, Merchant Navy  
Officer. BIBLIOGRAPHY Roberto Ballarini, The

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Perfect Form, On the Track of African Currency,  
Milan: 2009The Iron currencies of Southern  
Cameroon, Cambridge : 1985.Made of Iron,  
University of St. Thomas, Art Department,  
Houston, TexasEXHIBITIONSBiarritz 1994,  
Galerie Jäis, 2023.DIMENSIONS51 & 49 cm