



Mandjong Currency Kwele



700 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 Jais, 2023.DIMENSIONS51 & 49 cm
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