Ody Mohara Fetish Magic Horn, Madagascar



300 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Horn

Length : 19 cm

Width : 5,5 cm

Description

The ody mohara is a magical object originating from western Madagascar. Created by an ombiasy diviner-healer during a religious ritual, its main function is to protect its owner. "There are as many ody as there are cases, problems, or aspirations to be satisfied. A personal or family talisman, each ody has a virtue, hery, and a meaning specific to the use sought by its owner. (...) These ody are intended to act on the order of the world in a beneficial or harmful way. The science of ombrasa diviner-healers allows one to counter fate and "change destinies," to defend oneself against aggressive spells but also to carry out an attack." In: Ody, Malagasy talismans, links of memory [article] Christine Athenor and Marion Trannoy, publications of the Musée des Confluences, 2006, p 8. This example consists of

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a brown zebu horn engraved with small dots over its entire surface and fetishized with various metal objects set in the earth. It is decorated with a weave of fibers enclosing a piece of fabric. Two old upholsterer's nails decorate the base of the horn. Very good condition.