"oshe Shango" Scepter, Yoruba People, Benin Or Nigeria



680 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Solid wood

Height : 34,5 cm

Description

Ritual scepter "Oshe Shango" used during ceremonies related to the god of thunder. It consists of a handle topped with a zoomorphic Janus head. The mouth is common to both heads. It is open and accommodates the handle. It is topped with a double axe, symbol of the god of lightning "Shango". Zoomorphic iconography on this type of scepter is very rare. Wood with a deep patina of use (wear, erosion and a small loss at the base). Height: 34.5 cm Yoruba people, Nigeria or Benin. Late 19th or early 20th century. Provenance: ex private collection, New Jersey, USA

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