



Kukri Old Nepalese Cutlass, Gurkha Knife



160 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Other

Length : 45.5 cm

Description

This cutlass is a Kukri, originating from Nepal, and dates from the 19th century. It is the traditional weapon of the Gurkhas. This is not a modern production, nor is it one of the countless kukris with nickel-plated handles and blades mass-produced for tourists during the end of the 20th century... **BLADE** : It has the characteristic shape of the model, with a thick, two-sided back. The blade is called "dui chira" because it has two fullers. Near the handle, there is a notch called "kauri," "kauda," or "chô." Authors disagree on the purpose of this notch. In its oldest form, as seen here, it resembles the imprint of a cow's hoof, which evokes Nandi the bull, Shiva's mount, and therefore, of course, Shiva himself. The presence of this notch, which still holds significance, is interesting. On one face, above

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this notch, is engraved a representation of Shiva's crescent moon, perhaps surmounted by a lingam. Blade length = 34 cm, width at widest point 5.2 cm, width near the handle = 3.5 cm, thickness near the handle = 6.8 mm. HILT = It consists of two wooden scales riveted to the tang. Near the blade, there is a steel bolster, and opposite it, the handle is finished with a steel plate, which is typical of ancient kukris. Note the two small, old grafts near the steel plate that finishes the handle; these are old repairs from use. Shipping costs France and Europe EUR20 Ref 4Y08XX