



## Tanto "ise-ebi" -- Lobster Motif. Made By Sukemune



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Signature : Made by Sukemune

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Copper

Length : 34.5 cm.

### Description

Tanto signed "Made by Sukemune"Period: Late Muromachi (15th-16th century)Origin: JapanType: Tanto (??)Construction: hira-zukuriSchool: Sousyu school of the Muromachi periodCertificates:NBTHK Tokubetsu Hozon Token (????????) -- "Especially Preserved Sword" certificate, current high-level authenticationTwo old NBTHK Tokubetsu Kicho Token (?????) -- one for the blade, one for the mounting (koshirae)The Tokubetsu Kicho series was issued from the 1950s to early 1980s and confirmed both the blade and its mounting as "especially valuable" swords before the current Hozon / Tokubetsu Hozon grading system was introduced.Antique tanto by master Sukemune, dating from the late Muromachi period (ca. 1450-1550), in classic

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hira-zukuri form. The blade features an elegant hamon (temper line), refined proportions, and a noble patina of ancient polish. The koshirae is richly decorated with a detailed relief of a lobster (ise-ebi), executed in engraved and hammered metal (kinko) work. In Japanese symbolism, the lobster represents longevity, respect for elders, and nobility, and such motifs often appeared on presentation swords of the samurai elite. The meticulous rendering of the lobster's shell and antennae highlights the exceptional skill of the metal artisan. Included: Tanto with original koshirae NBTHK Tokubetsu Hozon Token certificate Two old Tokubetsu Kicho Token certificates (blade & mounting) Original Japanese certificate folders Decorative cloth pouch? Stand not included. Collectible Value: A blade from the late Muromachi period with triple NBTHK authentication represents an item of exceptional historical and artistic importance. The rare lobster motif makes this koshirae a remarkable example of samurai-era Japanese metal artistry. Such pieces are exceedingly rare and highly sought after by collectors and museums of Japanese art. SKU: K178.2.8.131125