Throwing Knife. Ethnic Group: Mangbetu. Origin: Democratic Republic Of Congo.



245 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Other

Description

Throwing knife. Ethnic group: Mangbetu. Origin: Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Belgian Congo, formerly Zaire). The characteristic shape of its blade demonstrates the perfect mastery of ironworking possessed by Mangbetu blacksmiths. The blackish patina partially covering it also informs us about the context of use of these knives in the mid-20th century, a period during which they were likely in use: while previously used as throwing weapons or currency, this type of knife then had only a festive use. Their blades were therefore coated with palm oil and exposed to smoke to prevent rust. Good condition, with a patina of age. Length 37 cm. Africa, circa 1920/1930. -The Mangbetu are a group of people living in northeastern Congo, on lands formerly occupied by the Pygmies, thus forming a group

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