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## Kusarigama - Concealed Weapon (kakushi-buki) -- Kobudo / Bujutsu



820 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wrought iron

### Description

A rare weapon: an ancient Kusarigama (Tan-Kusarigama) designed for concealment (Kakushi-buki), from the late Edo period (19th century). (Kobudo weapon: consisting of akama + chain + weight). Concealable examples that have survived entire centuries (with their original weight) are much rarer on the market than classic models. "An exceptional example of late Edo-period Japanese martial arts: a compact, heavy, perfectly balanced weapon of impeccable authenticity with all its original parts." Unlike the large battlefield models, this compact design belongs to the Kakushi-buki family (concealable close-quarters weapons). Worn discreetly at the belt or under a coat, it was used by urban patrolmen, bodyguards, or Bujutsu masters to neutralize an enemy armed with a

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sword in a confined space; it was also used by practitioners of traditional Bujutsu schools (such as the Isshin-ryu tradition). 100% original: The blade, the dried-wood handle, the hand-forged chain, and the Fundo form an indivisible whole.

Untouched patina: Surface oxidation is even and uniform across all metal parts, attesting to more than 150 to 200 years of history without alteration or modern restoration. Every detail of this object speaks to its effectiveness in combat:

A formidable weight-to-size ratio: The Fundo (hexagonal steel mace) alone weighs 350 grams, or more than 60% of the weapon's total weight (580 g). Combined with a short, 55-cm chain made of wrought iron, link by link (Waketsu), it delivered a devastating impact capable of shattering a saber blade or a bone at close range.

Blade assembly: The curved blade is inserted into a through-hole at the top of the wooden hilt and secured beneath the ferrule. This is the traditional historical assembly method that ensures the rigidity of the entire weapon.

Back-side chain attachment: The first link of the chain is attached directly through a hole drilled into the back of the blade, a hallmark of certain specialized combat schools (such as the Isshin-ryu school).

Features :

- Blade (Kama):  
Dimensions: Length = 8.6 cm | Height = 3.3 cm | Thickness = 2 mm
- Specifics: Curved forged steel blade. The first link of the chain is secured directly through a hole on the back of the blade.
- Assembly: Authentic traditional assembly: the base of the blade is fitted into a through-slot at the top of the handle and locked in place under the ferrule.
- Handle:  
Dimensions: Length = 27 cm
- Material: Wood weathered by age, with an ergonomic profile that widens at the heel.
- Reinforcement (Samegawa): The upper portion features a stingray skin sheath applied in three fitted sections. This lining beneath the ferrule serves both as structural reinforcement to prevent the wood from splitting under the force of violent tugs and impacts transmitted by the chain.
- Chain (Kusari) :  
Dimensions: Length = 55 cm -

Material: Hand-forged iron (Waketsu), elongated links hammer-welded. Mass/Weight (Fundo): Dimensions: Weight = 350 g | Diameter = 3.8 cm | Height = 7 cm Special Features: Very heavy forged iron weight with a hexagonal/octagonal cross-section with a welded suspension ring. Total Dimensions and Weight: Total length (handle): 30.5 cm Total weight: 580 g (of which 350 g is for the handle alone) Period: Late Edo period (1800-1868) Condition: Overall Condition: Very good original condition. Complete, sound, and rigid piece. Patina: Very beautiful period patina. The blade, chain, and fundo exhibit perfectly uniform natural surface oxidation. Wood and Shagreen: The wood and shagreen are well-preserved.