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Knife Known As A Kriss - Java, Indonesia - 19th Century



200 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

Knife known as a KrissJava Island, Indonesia19th centuryWood, pamor, brassTotal length: 43; Blade length: 33.5 cmHandle, called ukiran, made of wood carved with foliage motifs, depicting a deity.Beaded brass guard.Double-edged pamor blade.Wooden sheath covered with brass and decorated with floral and foliage motifs.The kris is a distinctly masculine weapon. A marker of social status and wealth, it was also the object symbolically presented to a young boy upon his coming of age.The more intricately crafted the blade and the more precious the materials used for the hilt, the higher the owner's social rank.The ukiran, almost always carved in an anthropomorphic style, is considered an allegory of its owner. Thus, the head represents the hilt, the body the blade, and the garment the sheath. It

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is worth noting that the traditional garment of Balinese men is the sarong--the same name given to the sheath of the kriss.The kriss, endowed with magical powers, is considered a vehicle of spirituality. It is passed down through inheritance, which allows its power to grow.Ref.: 3Text and photos © FCP CORIDON