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Engraved Bone Batak Divinatory Calendar, 19th-20th Century, 17 Cm



130 EUR

Signature : Art Populaire

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Bone

Length : 17cm

Width : 5cm

Description

A *Parhalaan*, dimensions: 17 x 5 cm. A fine ethnic artifact made of polished buffalo bone--nearly free of grain--this tablet is pleasant to hold. It features engraved borders and a suspension hole. Both sides are engraved: one side displays a grid crossed by diagonals, with inscriptions or hatch marks within each small compartment. The other side is more decorative, adorned with three symbols--a dragon, a compass-rose-like motif flanked by two striking centipedes, and a lizard--each accompanied by a line of text beneath it. This is a calendar which, when interpreted by a priest, serves to determine auspicious omens, identifying favorable times for action and unfavorable periods during which one should abstain. It possesses a beautiful, relatively light patina and shows signs of wear, yet remains

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in good overall condition. It is a high-quality piece originating from the Batak people (Sumatra). As I am not a specialist, I cannot provide a more precise dating than the 19th-20th century. Immediate purchase: payment accepted via credit card, instant bank transfer, or PayPal. *Eclectic* -- While not experts, we have been in this trade for over 50 years. We offer a hassle-free refund policy should you be dissatisfied. SIRET: FR 24430113233. An invoice and certificate of authenticity are included with every shipment.