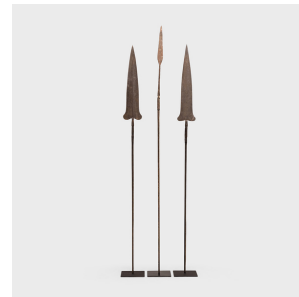

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KUBA IRON CURRENCY SPEAR

\$580

c. 1900 • Democratic Republic of Congo • Materials, Wood, Iron • Collection #CAA0679E

W: 8.0" D: 8.0" H: 79.0"

While shield and spear were central to African combat, this iron example was most likely made to serve as a piece of trade currency. Many pre-colonization African currencies were modeled after objects of inherent value, resulting in sculptural combinations of function and beauty.

This large iron spear dates to the early 20th century and is attributed to the Kuba people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Secured to a narrow handle of iron and wood, the flattened blade has an elegant, sloping silhouette, subtly textured with raised lines and a rusted, antique patina. Continued...



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Forged as a broadleaf spear, the weapon contrasts a violent potential with images of peaceful branches swaying in the wind. We've set this unusual Kuba spear on a custom steel mount for display as a vertical sculpture.



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