

SA1001896

Antique Kuba Soumac

Price

GBP 10,000

| USD \$13,505 | EUR 11,702

Item Reference: SA1001896

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 217 cm (85.4")

Width = 150 cm (59.1")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Rare to find an antique Kuba Soumac in such pristine condition, coming from a private collection it has been loved and looked after. With original end ties at both ends, and in excellent condition all over this special piece. Rather than bold repeating medallions in the centre design, we have this all over, intricate diamond pattern on the famous yellow background colour. A favourite dye used by the Kuba weavers, often used in rugs and runners. The detail and weave is expertly created. A Soumac, unlike a Kilim can not be used on both sides, as the wool on the back is not clipped and this actually aids them and makes them stronger than kilims. The Soumac is a type of brocading, with a flat-weave pile, looping the wool around the warps and over the wefts, this creates a raised flat-weave pile on the rug. It is an amazing, complicated technique and make them very durable. Hence this Soumac dates from circa 1880-1890, used on the floor for its life, it shows with care how tough and decorative these pieces can be. Kuba is a rug producing town located in the north-east of the Caucasus next to the Caspian Sea. The port of Baku in Kuba had its own school for carpet-making....

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