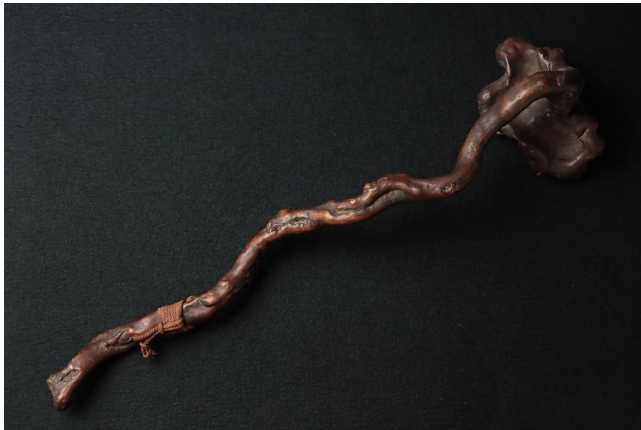


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Rare Japanese Edo (mid-19thC)
Buddhist 'Lingzhi' Nyoï
(Sceptre)

Price

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Item Reference: SA1116412

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 10.6 cm (4.2")

Width = 40 cm (15.7")

Description

Superb Japanese Edo (mid-19thC) Buddhist 'lingzhi' nyoï (ruyi in Chinese) or ceremonial sceptre, with a traditional long S-shaped handle and a head fashioned like a fist, cloud, or lingzhi mushroom. It has been worked into a root, its shape reminiscent of the lingzhi (or reishi), a fungus or dark mushroom that grows on trees in East Asia. Nyoï/ruyi are constructed from diverse materials, for example the Palace Museum in Beijing has nearly 3,000 ruyi variously made of gold, silver, iron, bamboo, wood, ivory, coral, rhinoceros horn, lacquer, crystal, jade and precious gems. 40cm long x 10.6cm wide, weight 112g. Excellent original condition. A rare find. The Lingzhi fungus has been used in traditional Chinese and Japanese medicine for centuries to promote health and longevity. It's also known as the 'mushroom of immortality' and is believed to treat the heart, reduce stress and inflammation, and bring good luck. It's extremely rare in its natural form, with only two or three out of 10,000 aged trees having lingzhi growth.

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