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Superb Japanese Meiji (early 20thC) Copper Articulated (Jizai) Lobster, Souyuki Myochin

Price

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Item Reference: SA1147163

Date of manufacture: 1910

Dimensions

Height = 5 cm (2.0")

Width = 40 cm (15.7")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

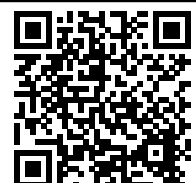
Intricate Japanese Meiji (early 20thC) copper articulated (jizai) spiny lobster by Souyuki Myochin. The lobster is fully articulated and all body segments including legs, tail, tail fins and antenna have hinged joints and are fully articulated. The scale model is accurately portrayed with all the anatomical characteristics of a real spiny lobster. Signed on the bottom 'Souyuki Myochin'. Body ca. 18.5cm (40cm incl. antenna), 6cm wide, weight 150g (450g incl. paulownia wooden box). Excellent condition and patina – no damage or repairs. The Myōchin school (or family) was a lineage of renowned armourers stretching back to the 12th century, who remained prominent and famed through the Edo (1615-1868) and Meiji (1868-1912) periods. From the 17th century, the production of articulated (jizai) models began in the relatively peaceful Edo era. During this period the master metal craftsmen who made the samurai armour turned to the production of these collectors' items. Articulated works of art typically represent crustaceans and insects, but also birds, fish, snakes and mythical animals such as dragons.

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