

SA1177929

Japanese Edo (mid-19thC) Buddhist Boxwood Nyoï & Walnut Netsuke, Sengai

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1177929****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 9 cm (3.5")

Width = 45 cm (17.7")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

Japanese Edo (mid-19thC) Buddhist boxwood 'lingzhi' nyoï (ruyi in Chinese) or ceremonial sceptre, with a traditional long 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. It comes with a lacquered walnut netsuke. Signed 'Sengai' on the handle. 45cm long x 10cm wide x 9cm high, weight 150g. Excellent condition. The nyoï/ruyi is a sacred object used by monks when chanting sutras and preaching, and symbolizes the transmission of Buddhist teachings. They are constructed from diverse materials, for example the Palace Museum in Beijing houses some 3,000 ruyi variously made of gold, silver, iron, bamboo, wood, ivory, coral, rhinoceros horn, lacquer, crystal, jade and precious gems. 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 also bring good luck. It's extremely rare in its natural form, with only two or three out of 10,000...

Internal Ref: AD1345

Seller Details

Antik Dragon Japanese & Other Fine Art

Bath Somerset United Kingdom



Tel: 07975 614592

International Tel: +44 7975 614592