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Japanese Kibori Kuma – Hand-Carved Bear

Price

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Item Reference: SA1188888

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 33.5 cm (13.2")

Width = 17 cm (6.7")

Depth = 29.5 cm (11.6")

Description

A beautifully carved Japanese wooden bear in excellent antique condition. This sculpture depicted a powerful bear in a forward-leaning stance as it grasps a fish in its paws. The sculptor has created deeply textured fur, sharply defined claws, and beautifully rendered scales on the fish. The open mouth and focused expression give the bear a vivid sense of movement and intent, while the carved base evokes the natural terrain of a riverbank. A classic example of Kibori Kuma carving, it reflects the rich folk-art tradition of Hokkaido and the exceptional skill associated with these iconic works.

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