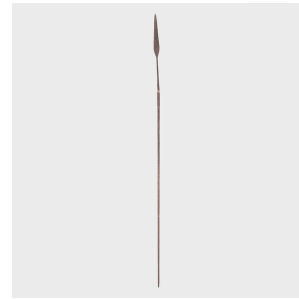


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## KUBA CURRENCY SPEAR

**\$458**

c. 1900 • Democratic Republic of Congo • Metal • Collection #CAA0679A

W: 6.5" D: 0.25" H: 76.5"

While shield and spear were central to African combat, this example by the Kuba people of Central Africa was most likely made to serve as a piece of trade currency. Many pre-colonization African currencies were formed after objects of inherent value. This spear-form piece represented the vital need for metal weaponry in tribal warfare. Today, its violent potential stands in contrast to its delicate lines, creating a thought-provoking sculptural artwork.



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