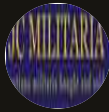


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Description

The African Konda sword is one of the most fearsome-looking swords in the world. This terrifying-looking blade was created in the 19th century and is often called the Ikakalaka. It has become a staple of popular culture in the 21st century thanks to its blade design and shape. Although it may look ceremonial, the Konda could effectively cut, slash, and thrust. Hourglass handle. The Konda or Ikakalaka African sword is made of iron and steel and has a straight, double-edged blade. The style of this type of sword was fairly common in the African art of swords, designed to distinguish itself and be a prestige sword. Konda or Ikakalaka swords are primarily made to be one-handed weapons, which explains the small hourglass-shaped handle. The handle acts as a form of protection for the user's hand while allowing a firm grip when held. Whether Western, Central African, or as far away as the Indonesian islands, swords made with intricate details were one of the best ceremonial and prestigious tools to own. That is why the Konda was one of the most popular emblems of leadership commonly seen on many tribal chiefs throughout the Konda peoples of Congo. In Congo, even in the early 20th century, a lot of trade was going on without the use of coins or modern currency. A very high item of value that could buy many things was made out of metal, which made the Konda a prized possession used in trade. Some highly religious and ceremonial acts that used the Konda sword throughout Africa were sacrificial, and others included bringing a better harvest or hunt. At times they were used as a method of punishment for a criminal or a wrong-doer. Some African swords, like the Ngombe and Konda, were excellent decapitating tools, making them a popular executioner's sword. Despite being linked to nobility and high-ranking members of Congo, the Konda was a useful tool in battle. Its double-edge blade was effective for slashing and piercing through flesh. Blade length; 36 ½ cm with the tang running through the hardwood hourglass shaped

handle, overall length; 54 cm. The blade is; 8 ¼ cm at its widest and 5 ¼ cm at its narrowest point. The blade is dressed with tribal/ceremonial markings engraved into the metalwork. The sheath is made from wood and covered in animal hide with decorative stitching running throughout, and two large wicker bound handles either side. The Konda sword is now among the most well-known blade in popular culture, rivaling the Japanese Katana. The price for this impressive piece includes UK delivery. 21093.

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