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## **A RARE SOTHO, SOUTH AFRICAN, RHINOCEROS HORN BATTLE AXE**

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BLACK RHINOCEROS HORN AND FORGED CRESCENT SHAPED STEEL BLADE. OLD BLACK SILKY PATINA  
19TH CENTURY  
SIZE : 65 CMLONG – 25½ INS LONG

## **LITERATURE**

SOTHO WARRIORS WERE ARMED WITH A LONG SPEAR, A KNOBKERRIE AND A BATTLE AXE WITH A CRESCENT SHAPED  
BLADE WITH THE TWO POINTS OF THE CRESCENT CLIPPED.  
HOWEVER, AXES SUCH AS THIS ONE MADE OF RHINOCEROS HORN WERE NOT USED AS WEAPONS, BUT WOULD BE  
CARRIED ONTO THE BATTLEFIELD BY COMMANDERS AND USED AS INSIGNIA OF MILITARY RANK.