



Fine Japanese Art (JAP0522)

Fri, 27th May 2022

Lot 44

Starting price: €1500

Estimate: €3000

A RARE GOLD-LACQUERED WOOD MAEDATE IN THE FORM OF A DRAGON

Japan, 19th century, Edo period (1615-1868)

Boldly carved as a rising dragon looking straight ahead with ferocious expression, the mouth wide open revealing sharp teeth, standing on its large claws, the scales and mane finely carved and incised, the spine neatly articulated, the back with a tang for attachment to a kabuto, covered overall in red and gold lacquer, the eyes with black pupils.

HEIGHT 23.5 cm

Condition: Very good condition, minor wear to lacquer, some fine age cracks and light surface scratches.

Provenance: German private collection.

Auction comparison:

Compare a closely related lacquered wood maedate, dated to the 19th century, 28.6 cm long, at Christie's, Japanese and Korean Art, 23 March 2004, New York, lot 261 (**sold for 4,780 USD**), and a related lacquered wood maedate carved as a flying dragon at Christie's, Japanese and Korean Works of Art, 22 September 2004, New York, lot 208 (**sold for 3,107 USD**).