



7060 A boxwood root hossu (fly whisk)

Japan 19th century Edo/Meiji period

Dimensions: H. 26" x W. 4½" x D. 3½" (66cm x 11cm x 8.5cm)

Hossu, one of the accessories used by Buddhist monks, are believed to help overcome ill fortune and obstacles. They are used to whisk away flying insects to prevent the devotee from accidentally killing any life form in obedience to Buddhist law.

