



Ritual Cloth ('Pua Kombu') - Borneo

Item number :13543

Description :

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- Origin : Borneo
- Culture, Dynasty, Period: Iban Dayak
- Date :

- Early 20th Century

- Height (cm): 206
- Width (cm): 85
- Material: Cotton - warp ikat
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