

Nom : Ceremonial sword fragment

Description : The udamalore is a ceremonial sword worn by the Olowo, ruler of Owo, and his high-ranking chiefs. It shows the wearer is considered well-born, mature, powerful and influential, a person who is like the elephant. This fragment is from the tip of the sword blade and portrayed a chiefly figure crowned with a coral openwork cap holding a sword. The cap originally had a bird, the emblem of spiritual powers, projecting from its side.

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