

Antique leopard skin rug with head by Van Ingen of Mysore

Sold



REF: 6835

Height: 248 cm (97.6")

Width: 160 cm (63")

Description

Antique leopard skin rug with head by Van Ingen & Van Ingen of Mysore, taxidermists to the nobility and Maharajas. Circa 1920

Van Ingen & Van Ingen was a renowned taxidermy firm based in Mysore, India, operating from 1900 to 1999. Founded by Eugene Van Ingen, the company specialised in crafting lifelike mounts of tigers, leopards, and other big game animals, serving Indian maharajas and international nobility.

At its peak, the firm processed over 400 tigers annually, employing more than 150 skilled workers. Their meticulous attention to detail, including hand-painted glass eyes and custom moulds, set them apart in the field of taxidermy. Today, Van Ingen mounts are highly valued by collectors and museums world wide, symbolising a bygone era of colonial hunting and craftsmanship.

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