Baoulé Divination Box, Ivory Coast



8 500 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Manque le couvercle

Description

Superb and rare divination box with its very thick and crusty hardwood patina, probably very old. Missing the lid which must have been in terracotta or wood Height 26cm A finely sculpted male character with a pronounced sexual attribute holds in his back an oracle box called a Mouse box The diviner put in this box small amulets and a little food the mouse entering the box using an opening to eat the food moved the amulets The diviner only had to decipher this movement to announce the good and bad omens This box is really very similar to the one reproduced in Mazenod page 64 and in Arts and Wisdoms of Black Africa by Bargna page 121 it is possible that this is the work of the same sculptor The crusty patina which completely covers this object demonstrates the very real use that this box has

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undergone a rope starts from the character's head and was to connect the missing lid, it is embellished with Cauris Inside the box, on the edges, a shiny patina appears which demonstrates the fro very intensive than the cover left free shipping worldwide