



## Fang Statue, Cameroon



6 500 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état d'usage

### Description

Large Fang reliquary sculpture from Cameroon measuring 100.5cm high. Patinated semi-heavy wood covered with straps on the shoulders and hips surrounding the male sex. The arms are articulated like a puppet. From Mr Perrois' study on this ethnic group, it could be the Style assimilated to Fang-Ngumba or Ntumu of South West Cameroon and North Gabon produced in the 19th century. The proportions generally elongated, the elongated cylindrical body. Well drawn arms, short legs with sketched toes. A brass ring in the nostrils and an iron necklace in the navel. A prominence behind the neck whose meaning I don't know. Two British coins, one dated from the 1920s, the other I cannot distinguish and which corresponds to the presence of the English at that time in this region.

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A rare statue similar to the one presented is in the Lübeck museum and which is considered a centerpiece of the museum. This statue is generally hidden from the eyes of women and is manipulated behind the body of the deceased in order to revive it spiritually and then later placed above the baskets of bones of the remains of the ancestor.

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