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Anthropomorphic Statuette - Téké Culture, Republic Of Congo - First Half Of The 20th Century



880 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

Description

Anthropomorphic Statuette called Buti

Téké culture, Republic of Congo

First half of the 20th century

Wood

H. 27 cm, length 5.5 cm

(old damage to the left foot)

Monoxyle statuette standing on short, angular legs, separated from each other. The long cylindrical bust is hollowed out by a cavity that once held a protective magical charge called a bilongo.

The face, set on a broad neck, features two almond-shaped eyes and facial scarring known as "mabina", incised vertically on the temples, cheekbones and part of the forehead. His half-open mouth, with drawn lips, extends into a

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trapezoidal goatee reminiscent of that worn by
Teke dignitaries. The hairstyle is characteristic of
Teke men.

A protective effigy, it is associated with the birth
of a newborn child.

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