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Nkangi Kiditu Crucifix - Democratic Republic Of Congo - 19th Century Or Earlier



2 880 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

Description

CRUCIFIX nkangi kiditu depicting CHRIST on a Latin cross, his head slightly tilted to his right, two ORANTS seated on the transverse arms of the cross, the Virgin, with her hands joined, is placed at the feet of Jesus. The upper part has a hanging hole.

Kongo culture, Democratic Republic of Congo
19th century or earlier

Copper alloy

H. 21 cm, W 12.2 cm

Nkangi kiditu, literally translated as "Christ the protector" or "Christ bound", are not only Christian images but also objects of prestige for Kongo chiefs and kings, used during mabondo ya nkangi ceremonies and kept by the chief Mfumu. They also carried the power to ward off disease

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Illustration: Kongo chief wearing a nkangi kiditu

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