



African Tribal Art - Songye Stool



450 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Solid wood

Height : 29 cm

Description

Ex-Belgian Decoster private collection.

This type of seat, sometimes used to support Songye fetishes, called *mankishi* (sing. *nkishi*), could also be decorated with a caryatid female figure, symbolizing fecundity, fertility and maternal lineage, placed at head level, of the umbilicus or at the base. In southwest Congo, Angola and Zambia, each chief had such a seat. The Songye originate from the Shaba region in the DRC and settled between the Lualaba River and the Sankuru River, in a region of savannah and forests. They are governed by the *yakitengé* and local chiefs, although the power of the *Bwadci* secret society serves as a counterweight.

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