



Vintage Tribal Bakonongo Terracotta Vessel With Ethnic Depictions Congo 1950s



1 350 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Terracotta

Diameter : 21

Height : 27

Description

Very beautiful and well-preserved vintage terracotta vessel with removable lid from the Congo region, Bakongo ethnic group. The fine decoration is partly engraved, but also modeled - houses, birds, fish, lins, small chain links and knots can be found on the outer wall of the object. The object has an elegant shape and captivates with its natural appearance. The Bakongo (plural, also Congo, singular Mukongo) are a Bantu-speaking ethnic group in the Congo River estuary in Central Africa, mainly in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Congo-Kinshasa), the Republic of Congo (Congo-Brazzaville) and the neighboring areas of Angola (Zaire Province and Uíge Province) including Cabinda and Gabon. Their total number is over 5 million people. Bakongo society is

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traditionally monogamous and matrilineal, divided into 12 clans. Today, patriarchal influences from Europe are noticeable. Their traditional religion recognizes two worlds, the material and the spiritual, which overlap at certain points and between which the ancestors mediate. Initiation rites play a major role; there was an elaborate burial culture with large tombs made of wood or stone.