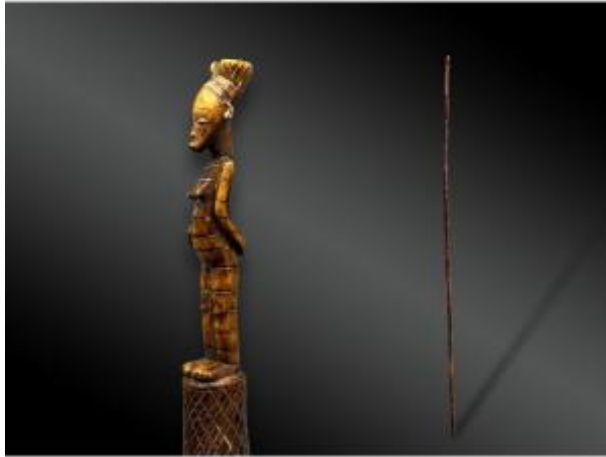




Cane Or Stick - Democratic Republic Of Congo - First Half Of The 20th Century

2 840 EUR



Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

Description

CANE or STICK animated with a Beli ANCHOR
FIGURE

Mangbetu culture, north-eastern Democratic
Republic of Congo

First half of the 20th century

Wood

124 x 2 x 1.7 cm

(restoration)

She is standing with her right hand on her
abdomen and her left hand on her left buttock.
Her body is entirely incised with horizontal lines
reminiscent of traditional body paintings. Her
oval face is finely sculpted with scarred
cheekbones, a mouth with lips that seem to hiss,
eyes with closed lids and small C-shaped ears.
She wears the traditional hairstyle known as

Dealer

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Miniature representations of a figure from nebeli society are not common. Beli ancestors, who often came in pairs, were associated with fertility and were kept in secret places.

So this staff must have had a purpose, a symbol and an important owner.

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