



## Large Igbo Statue Alusi Nigeria



2 400 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Solid wood

### Description

This statue has, as is customary in the Onitsha region, the face and torso sculpted in very detail, the hands and feet are more schematic. The hands turned upwards are particularly characteristic, a sign of generosity and willingness to receive offerings from the Gods. Similar models are listed in this reference work => IGBO

**SCULPTURES** Numerous layers of pigments still cover it, initially white but graying over time.

These statues were kept in groups in sanctuaries and were taken out each year, cleaned, repigmented, decorated and honored with a great feast. Note the beautiful work of the ventral scarifications, and on the top of the forehead. Nigeria's Biafran Civil War devastated Igbo communities, lasting for over three years in the 1960s and resulting in the loss of over a

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million lives. This work is one of the thousands of objects exported to Europe and the United States during the conflict. It must date from the beginning of the last century. Former Belgian Serge Sheer collection. Height 1m, knocks, wear, cracks.....