

African Tribal Art - Fang Statue



480 EUR

Period: 20th century
Condition: En l'etat
Material: Solid wood

Width: 13 cm Height: 42 cm

Description

Ex-French FLB collection, the name will be communicated to the purchaser.

African tribal art linked to the Byeri cult is distinguished by its numerous anthropomorphic sculptures that serve as "guardians" and symbolize the ancestors. Among the Fang of Cameroon and Gabon, each family has a "Byeri" or reliquary box, where the bones of venerated ancestors are kept. These boxes were traditionally under the responsibility of the oldest member of the village, nicknamed the "esa". They were often decorated with statues or heads representing the guardians of these relics, bearing the name of the cult to which they belonged. Placed in a dark corner of the house, these boxes had the role of repelling evil influences, diverting them from

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family members. They were also used during initiation ceremonies for young people belonging to the "So" society. During these rites, the statues were taken out of their boxes and carried in procession, held by the posterior peduncle. (Source: "Fang" by Perrois)

Piece accompanied by its certificate of authenticity.

PS: what does the certificate of authenticity consist of?

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