



Mbole Statue



900 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Length : 11

Width : 9

Height : 47

Description

The Mbole Ofika statue depicts a hanged man, with his body stretched out and arms drooping. It is used by the Lilwa secret society as a warning against betrayal, theft, or transgression of clan laws. These figures served to commemorate those executed for breaking social rules and served as a reminder of the importance of honor and loyalty. The expressive, often angular style heightens the dramatic tension of the scene. Beyond its visual impact, this work is a powerful tool for social regulation and collective memory, rooted in Mbole customary justice.

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