Nkisi Mbumba Fetish - Vili-kongo, Democratic Republic Of Congo



900 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Rattan

Width : 20 cm

Height : 23 cm

Description

Nkisi Mbumba Fetish - Vili-Kongo, Democratic Republic of Congo - late 19th - early 20th century. Rare Nkisi Mbumba fetish, also known as a "medicine ball," from the religious tradition of the Vili-Kongo people. Description: The object features a face sculpted from dark clay, rich in symbolism, suggesting a spiritual or ancestral presence. The deeply carved eye and nasal cavities give the piece a striking expressiveness, enhanced by an ancient, dense, and matte patina, attesting to long ritual use. The structure consists of a woven rattan basket containing the sacred contents (bilongo), composed of an amalgam of organic, mineral, and symbolic materials (bone, clay, plant fragments). These elements were activated by the nganga (healer-diviner) for the purpose of protection, healing, or mediation with

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spirits. This type of fetish, closed and self-contained, was often suspended or placed in a ritual space. A beautiful, authentic, unrestored ethnographic example, displaying a strong sculptural presence and a primitive character. Dimensions: Height: 23 cm - Width: 20 cm. Condition: Good condition, ritual wear, surface cracks, deep patina. Please feel free to contact me for any further information or additional photos of the items offered for sale.