Sunduk Large Fossil Limestone Carved Funeral Stele, Sulu Archipelago, Indonesia, 19th Cty



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Signature : Art SUNDUK , archipel SULU, Sud Philippines Indonésie, culture BAJAU

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Stone

Width : 40cm

Height : 88cm

Depth : 8cm épaisseur

Description

CIVILIZATIONSDOCEANIC PRIMITIVE ART Rare funerary stele SUNDUK in fossil limestone (coral fossil?) Indonesia, SULU Archipelago, Southern Philippines BAJAU Culture The upright body ends on its sides with spirals, which are a symbolic reminder of water and a reference ever-present in this Culture to the Ocean. Geometric relief decorations on both faces of the stele. Sizes:Height 88cm * width 40cm * and depth / thickness approx. 8cm Black iron base for its stability 30 *30cm (the stele is held by a rod inserted into the hole drilled in the bottom of the stele).Condition: a nick on a tip of the upper part, barely noticeable (repaired) - please check photosThe funerary stele is called Sunduk by the Bajau, sea nomads who live on boats. They buried their dead on small uninhabited islands

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and marked the graves with these steles. Bibliography: In the book, 'The People and Art from Philippines,' Casal, G., E. Casino, G. Ellis, R. Jose, Jr., W. Solheim, Museum of Cultural History, University of California Los Angeles, 1981, we can see the photo of such a cemetery. A similar object, this time made of openwork wood, can be found at the Metropolitan Museum in New York https://metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/5001 1997 (see last photo) Title: Woman's Grave Marker (Sunduk) Date: late 19th - early 20th century Geography: Philippines, Sulu Archipelago Culture: Bajau Material: openworked carved Wood Dimensions: H. 46 1/2 × W. 19 1/2 × D. 3 1/4 in. (118.1 × 49.5 × 8.3 cm) Classification: Wood-Ornaments Acquisition Credit: Purchase, gift of Robert J. Holmgren and Anita Spertus in memory of Douglas Newton, and Rogers Fund, 2002 Object Number: 2002.14 Conservation Department: The Michael C. Rockefeller Wing