



Ancient African Terracotta Head, Koma Culture, Ghana, 13th-18th Century Tribal Art



225 EUR

Period : 16th century

Condition : En l'etat

Height : 13 cm

Description

Antique terracotta head from the Koma culture, Upper West Region of Ghana, dating from approximately the 13th to 18th century CE. This expressive sculptural fragment is modelled in coarse reddish terracotta with visible mineral inclusions. The face is characterised by heavy-lidded almond-shaped eyes, a broad nose, and pronounced lips. The top of the head is hollowed, a documented feature of a number of terracotta figures associated with the Koma cultural horizon. Terracotta figures of this distinctive style were first documented in the 1980s in areas today inhabited by the Koma people, including Yikpabongo, Tantuosi, and Wumobri, as well as among the neighbouring Balsa (Bulsas). Thermoluminescence dating carried out on comparable examples has placed

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these works broadly between the medieval and early modern periods. These figures are generally understood to have served ritual and funerary functions, belonging to a complex and still poorly understood sculptural tradition of northern Ghana. The wooden base is modern and added for display. Height: 13 cm excluding the base. Condition: Good condition, with surface wear, mineral accretions, and firing irregularities consistent with age and burial. SOLD WITH A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY It is possible to pay in installments. On parole français. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me 0678679716 or email tdixonfrance@yahoo.co.uk. Frais de port inclus pour la France. Shipping included in the price for FRANCE. Price does not include international shipping. Please contact me for a shipping quote. I am happy to combine shipping costs if you buy more than one item to save you money. Please note that I ship all items insured priority mail with tracking. I am an Englishman living down in the beautiful rural South of France and spend my days searching the little brocantes, flea markets, and shops for treasures. Any questions will be answered promptly. MONEY BACK WITHOUT QUESTION IF I MISREPRESENT SOMETHING IN ANY WAY. I want YOU to be happy at the end of the day, so buy with confidence. I take a great deal of care packing -- I have a proven track record of selling high value, fragile items that arrive safely worldwide. Payment: Credit Cards via PayPal. Cheque or Bank transfer. Other payment methods are available, please ask.