



Carved Board With Spirit Figures



6 350 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

Sepik (Iatmul) region, Papua New GuineaXXe centuryDESCRIPTIONImportant arched wooden carved board depicting a stylized anthropo-zoomorphic figure with raised arms, inscribed in a structured composition with registers.The face, dominated by large, deeply incised concentric eyes, evokes a spiritual or ancestral entity. The body, treated according to a rigorous geometric vocabulary (triangular motifs, incised networks, repetitive rhythms), is integrated into a peripheral décor composed of plant and symbolic elements, organized in the lower register.The overall surface has a patina, revealing traces of ancient use and prolonged exposure in a ritual context.ETHNOGRAPHICAL ANALYSISThis type of flat sculpture belongs to the artistic

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tradition of the Sepik River peoples, and more particularly to the Iatmul groups. These productions are characterized by a strong formal stylization, a symbolic reading of the human figure and a cosmological structuring in registers. These panels could be associated with ceremonial architecture (houses of the spirits - haus tambaran) or serve as ritual objects linked to ancestral cults. The figure's posture, with arms raised, suggests a function of intercession or spiritual manifestation.

PROVENANCE Jean-Pierre Dutilleux Collection
Object collected during field missions in Papua New Guinea.

PUBLICATION This piece is the one reproduced in the reference work: Jean-Pierre Dutilleux, *TRIBES - The First People*, Éditions Vilo. This is not a similar model, but the published piece itself. This same plate was exhibited during the presentation "The First World".

MARKET NOTE Published Sepik sculptures from identified field collections enjoy a special status on the international market. The combination of Dutilleux provenance, publication and iconographic quality positions this work in a superior category.

DIMENSIONS : 34 X 36 cm