



Senoufo Kpélié Mask



1 800 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

The Senufo people live in several countries: Côte d'Ivoire, southern Mali, and western Burkina Faso. These masks are part of the Poro male initiation society, which shapes all aspects of Senufo social life Senufo society; they are displayed at the funerals of former initiates. Very delicate and feminine (the motif on the forehead represents the vulva), they are exquisitely crafted, as seen here--though it's been a long time since I've seen one this beautiful! Beautiful antique brown and white patina (remnants of flour or kaolin). Height 42 cm, in good overall condition. I buy only French collections--from former expatriates, collector estates, and the like--since nothing has been available in Africa for a long time now. Please feel free to contact me to negotiate the price; that

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