



Nkishi Songye Ancestry Statue-drc Zaire



3 500 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Length : 80 cm

Height : 80 cm

Description

Origin. democratic republic of congo Name of the Tribe. Songye. Material. Wood, horn, beads Dimensions. 80 cm with horn Shipping method. Colissimo/DHL in 24/48 working hours. This piece of African art is an anthropomorphic Songye statue (originating from the Democratic Republic of Congo), carved in wood and richly adorned. Morphological and aesthetic description The headdress / the summit excrescence: The head is surmounted by a high headdress or an appendage sculpted in the shape of a horn or tapered crest, wrapped at its base by strips of fabric and fiber ties. The face: The face has marked expressive features, characterized by an application of metal (copper/brass blades or plates) on the protruding parts (the forehead, nose and facial structure). The eyes and eyebrows are

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decorated with aligned metal upholstery nails.

Head and neck: The round and voluminous head rests on an elongated cylindrical neck, entirely surrounded by rows of alternating red and yellow seed beads. The body: The torso, dark and weathered, has protruding breasts. The body is crossed diagonally by a necklace of similar beads from which a small metal bell hangs. The arms are folded geometrically on either side of the torso. Adornments and attributes: The waist is surrounded by a loincloth of threadbare fabric and fibers tied with a red tie. The rear of the body shows details of securing the load or ties attached to the loincloth. The base: The statue rests on precisely sculpted feet (the toes being visible) which are anchored on a circular wooden base split in the middle, itself fixed on a modern presentation base