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Punu-lumbo Statue--gabon



3 000 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Length : 55

Height : 55

Description

Origin: Gabon Tribe Name: Bapounou Material: Wood Dimensions: 55 cm Shipping Method: Colissimo/DHL within 24-48 business hours. This magnificent female statue of traditional African art (of the Punu-Lumbo type or from the cultural sphere of Gabon) displays remarkable stylistic and iconographic characteristics.Morphological and Stylistic DescriptionPosture: The statue is depicted in a pose of contemplation or dignity, seated (or crouching on a low base) with her knees bent. Her arms are folded, with her hands positioned near her torso and abdomen.Face and Complexion:The face features the refined, geometric features typical of the Punu/Lumbo aesthetic: a pointed chin, a straight, slender nose, and half-closed almond-shaped eyes.The surface

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of the face and body is enhanced with polychrome pigments: a light base (white or light ochre, traditionally made from kaolin, evoking spirituality, purity, and the ancestors) contrasting with touches of red (ochre/padouk) and black.Hairstyle: The hair is carefully sculpted into a complex, voluminous headdress composed of multiple braided crests or buns running from front to back, typical of traditional ceremonial women's adornments. Small pendants or beads adorn the earlobes.Attributes and Body Adornments:The figure features a prominent chest with conical, pointed breasts, symbols of fertility and motherhood.The waist is encircled by a loincloth made of woven plant fibers, incorporating textiles and a net suspended at the back, lending the piece an authentic ritual or protective quality.Patina and wear: The wood has an antique patina, marked by age-related cracks, signs of handling, and residues of ritual offerings on the torso and lower limbs, attesting to its traditional use.