



## Ancestor Statue From Bete, Ivory Coast



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Solid wood

Length : 60 cm

Height : 60 cm

### Description

Origin: Ivory Coast. Tribe Name: Bébé. Material: Wood Dimensions: 60 cm Shipping method: Colissimo This magnificent dark wood African art statue (Bété style or related ethnic groups of Ivory Coast) features remarkable aesthetic and iconographic characteristics.## Main CharacteristicsPosture and Proportions: The statue is depicted standing, in a frontal and solemn pose, mounted on a modern pedestal. The body is distinguished by a pronounced geometric stylization, with a long, cylindrical neck and a narrow torso.Headdress and face: She wears a tall, domed headdress striated with fine vertical lines, encircled by a headband adorned with relief motifs. The face is oval, with refined yet expressive features, including a straight nose, almond-shaped eyes, and a subtle

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mouth. Ornaments and scarifications: The torso is magnificently decorated with geometric diamond-shaped (or rhomboidal) motifs aligned vertically across the abdomen. The breasts are prominent, conical, and pointed--characteristic of a stylized female representation. The hands are open, facing forward, with palms clearly incised with horizontal lines representing the fingers or phalanges. Lower Body: The hips are wide and rounded, contrasting with the slenderness of the torso, and extend into short legs with pronounced knees, resting on broad feet with carefully carved toes. Style and Context Sculptures from this region of West Africa are often characterized by a raw sculptural power, a meticulous polish that gives the weathered wood a dark, satiny sheen, and symbolism related to fertility, ancestors, or spiritual protection.