



Large Igbo Statue, Alusi, Nigeria



1 600 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Description

As is customary in the Onitsha region, this statue features a highly detailed carving of the face and torso; the upward-turned hands are particularly distinctive, symbolizing generosity and a willingness to receive offerings from the gods. For enthusiasts, a very comprehensive and interesting study => IGBO SCULPTURES It is still covered by numerous layers of pigment; originally white, they have turned gray over time. These statues were kept in groups within shrines and were brought out each year, cleaned, repainted, decorated, and honored with a grand feast. Note the beautiful work on the abdominal scarifications and on the upper forehead. The Biafran Civil War in Nigeria devastated the Igbo communities; it lasted for more than three years in the 1960s and resulted in the loss of more than

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one million lives. This work is among the objects
exported to Europe and the United States to
finance the conflict. Formerly in the Belgian
collection of Serge Sheer. Height 1 m; chips,
wear, cracks.....