



Lwena, Luvale, Or Lovale Mbunda Mask, Angola/zaire



700 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Description

The Lwena, a Bantu people, settled in Zambia (Angola) in the 19th century, under threat from the Chokwe. According to Wikipedia, they have many different names: Balovale, Baluvale, Chiluvale, Louvale, Lovale, Lovalle, Lubale, Luena, Luvalas, Luwale, Lwena, Valuvale! However, they are a small ethnic group that is quite rare on the primitive art market. Here is a very characteristic mask with a large, elongated, realistic face and fairly delicate eyes and mouth, likely representing Western colonists stationed there at the beginning of the last century. Note the beautiful brown patina and the significant signs of wear, both inside and out. Height: 30 cm. Formerly in the Belgian collection of Serge Sheer,

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