Mwana Hiti Doll, Kwere, Tanzania



1 200 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Height : 26 cm

Description

A rare Mwana Hiti figure with legs formerly in the Michel Renaudeau collection, France Generally, Mwana Hiti figures consist of cylindrical bodies and a double-crested headdress,Tanzanian coastal region Here, it has legs with very symmetrical carving at the knees, a dark patina, a polished surface, and dense wood The legs are slightly offset from the torso, which gives the figure a sense of dynamism "This full-body form is found in objects used during ceremonies or other events marking the lives of the Zaramoau--such as the tops of ceremonial staffs, funerary posts, or the backs of a chief's throne.Depending on the context, the mwana hiti takes on a sacred, magical, or religious dimension, or a role linked to social status--all rooted in the authority of the ancestors. See

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"Mwana Hiti: More Than Just a Doll" exhibition, Guibert Herson Collection, 2008-2009, at the Museum of African Art in Belgrade