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Nkonde Statue With Nails, Kongo Nkisi, Democratic Republic Of The Congo



1 400 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Description

Bakongo nail fetish, mounted on a base, total height 53 cm with base and 50 cm without, studded with numerous and varied forged nails.... Contrary to popular belief, these fetishes are positive; they come to the aid of villagers. While they certainly look a bit frightening, this is to scare away evil spirits; the eyes were regularly coated with white kaolin to make the piercing gaze stand out. The principle is simple: a person has a request concerning their health, wealth, or search for love... they go to the shaman with a spike, nails, a knife...,the shaman, in a trance, licks it and thrusts it into the fetish to awaken it and anchor the request, possibly accompanied by a sacrifice. These fetishes are still in use in certain regions; this one must date from the 1940s or 1950s and comes from a Parisian collection.

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