



Extremely Rare Ko Diougou Sculpture From Burkina Faso Height 71cm With Thick Sacrificial Patina



15 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Earthenware

Description

Superb and extremely rare KO-DIOUGOU sculpture from Burkina Faso formerly Haute Volta height 71cm width 20cm It is sculptures are kept in secret sanctuary away from curious eyes guarded by a religious leader of the most eminent of the blacksmith caste The blacksmiths BOBO use them within the framework of an aggressive magic, aiming to control the action of the customary chiefs elected by them, by planting iron blades at the place of the body where they wish to strike their victim It seems that in its sanctuaries are preserved the statues of the mother of the father and the child it would be here the representation of the child because it measures 71cm high while those of the parents can reach 1 meter and a little more The child statue is used to sanction the initiated members of

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the initiation society If iron is planted in the head,
death is inevitable (which is the case here) extract
from the only study made here by raoul
LEHUARD in 1890 in his book on the fetes iches
with nails page 112 The statue is covered with a
very thick crusty patina which covered both the
ropes and the rusty blades Piece which probably
dates from the end of the 19th century or even the
beginning of the 20th century. free and careful
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