



Cult Figure, Papua New Guinea, Oceanic Art, Tribal Art, Oceania, Sculpture



1 800 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Width : 33 cm

Height : 151 cm

Depth : 24 cm

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Description

Large and exceptional cult figure similar to the so-called "Yena" figures. Collected in the Upper Sepik area in Papua New Guinea among the Nokuma. The Yena figures are linked to the cult of the yam. They are arranged above a large pile of tubers during the first ceremony (there are 3 in all) organized at harvest time, the purpose of which is to thank the ancestors for this sacred gift and to ensure a good harvest the following year. The Yena figures symbolize the planting period and evoke the digging stick used when transplanting the yam plan into the ground. Hard wood and natural pigments. Figure mounted on pedestal.

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Artifact

Oceanic tribal art

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