Mumuye Female Statue From Nigeria



2 800 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : état d'usage

Description

A highly interesting antique Mumuye sculpture from Nigeria. Carved from dense wood with a fine patina--glossy in areas and encrusted in others--it stands 56 cm tall. The feet show erosion from age, but otherwise, the piece is in good condition; there are traces of white kaolin pigment highlighting the ears and eyes, and a hint of reddish color on the mouth. It is quite rare to encounter a Mumuye figure with such finely carved facial features, including a slender nose and a beak-like mouth. A bone element passes through the neck. An indigenous staple reinforces the right side of the head, testifying to the former African owner's desire to preserve the sculpture. "Mumuye" is a generic term referring to the various groups of settled farmers inhabiting the rocky mountains south of the Benue River.

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