Mambila Statuette From Nigeria



550 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

The Mambila, peoples of farmers and herders, live partly in the south-east of Nigeria and especially in the north-west of Cameroon. The little we know about their customs and their culture comes down to the use of helmet-masks and statuettes. They are best known for their statuettes, recognizable by their heart-shaped face and potbellied silhouette, supposed to personify the ancestors. who, according to Mambila beliefs, are responsible for the prosperity of the tribe. These sculptures, standing on short bent legs, show a large head whose face is surrounded by hair made of wooden tenons. this sculpture, in good condition, shows remains of bluish and white hues a somewhat grainy patina a loincloth made of raffia surrounding a basin with a pronounced male sex height 22.5cm free shipping

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