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VARIOUS PROPERTIES

These three Baule panels were acquired by the present owner from a friend who lived in the Chateau of Turenne, in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine department of central France. The friend's godfather was the collector, André Lefèvre (1883–1963), a close friend of his grandfather, Mr Camille Zambaux. Lefèvre made many summer visits to the chateau, staying in the guest house of the castle, "la Poudrière". This residence became increasingly filled with his objects and paintings. After the death of his wife, Lefèvre spent increasingly more and more time in Turenne. A photograph shows one of the panels hanging on the wall next to a work by the painter André Beaudin. Lefèvre also had his own room in the castle, the so-called Moroccan room, full of textiles and paintings.



André Lefèvre at the Chateau de Turenne, circa 1960

BAULE PANEL

Ivory Coast 152 cm. high

Provenance André Lefèvre (1883–1963), Paris Camille Zambaux, Turenne

€ 2.000 - 3.000







BAULE PANEL

Ivory Coast 110 cm. high

Provenance André Lefèvre (1883–1963), Paris Camille Zambaux, Turenne

€ 2.000 - 3.000

BAULE PANEL

Ivory Coast 120 cm. high

Provenance André Lefèvre (1883–1963), Paris Camille Zambaux, Turenne

€ 2.000 - 3.000



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YAURE MASK

Ivory Coast 42 cm. high

Provenance Prof. George Nelson Preston, New York

Martin Lowe, New York

€ 1.500 – 2.000

FANTE ASAFO FLAG

Ghana

102 x 157 cm.

Provenance Galerie Simonis, Dusseldorf

Literature

Güse, E.-G., and Hahner-Herzog, I., *Asafo: Fahnen aus Ghana*, 1995, no.19

Exhibitions

Saarland Museum, Saarbrücken, *Asafo,* Fahnen aus Ghana, 19 February–17 April 1995 Afrika Museum, Berg en Dal, *Asafo, Fahnen* aus Ghana, 1 May–1 November 1995

€ 800 - 1.200



FANTE ASAFO FLAG

Ghana

97 x 160 cm.

Provenance Galerie Simonis, Dusseldorf

Literature

Güse, E.-G., and Hahner-Herzog, I., Asafo: Fahnen aus Ghana, 1995, no.42

Exhibitions

Saarland Museum, Saarbrücken, *Asafo,* Fahnen aus Ghana, 19 February–17 April 1995 Afrika Museum, Berg en Dal, *Asafo, Fahnen* aus Ghana, 1 May–1 November 1995

€ 800 - 1.200



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FANTE ASAFO FLAG

Ghana

92 x 128 cm.

Provenance Galerie Simonis, Dusseldorf

Literature

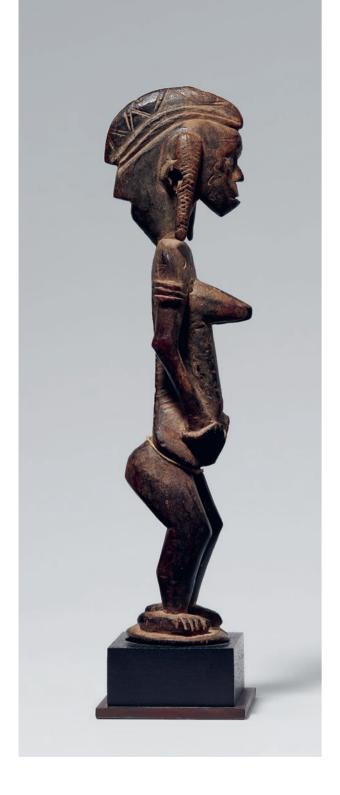
Güse, E.-G., and Hahner-Herzog, I., Asafo: Fahnen aus Ghana, 1995, no.38

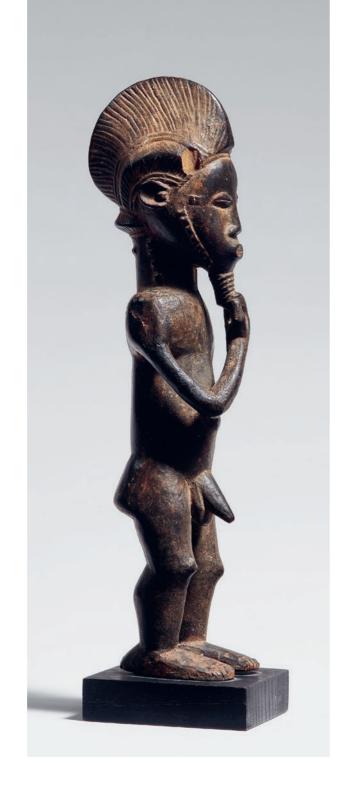
Exhibitions

Saarland Museum, Saarbrücken, Asafo, Fahnen aus Ghana, 19 February–17 April 1995 Afrika Museum, Berg en Dal, Asafo, Fahnen aus Ghana, 1 May–1 November 1995

€ 800 - 1.200







BAMANA FIGURE

Mali 29 cm. high

Provenance Olivier Larroque, Nimes Dominique Coffignier, Paris/Vienne

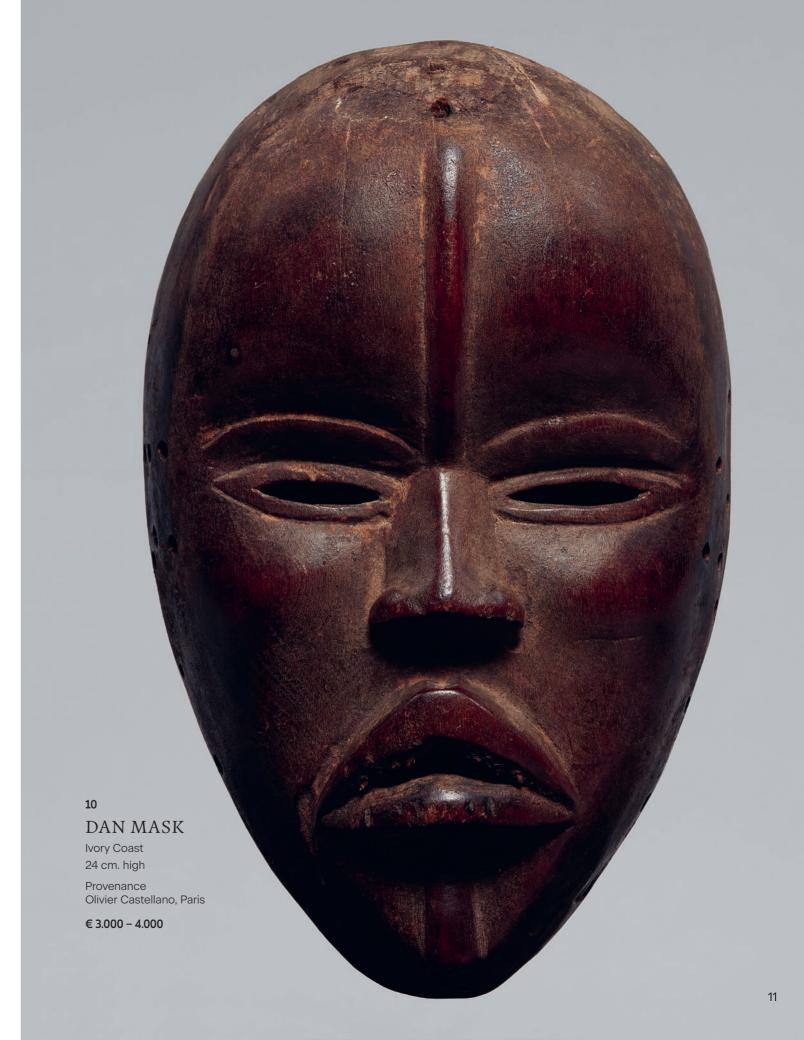
€ 2.000 - 3.000

BAULE FIGURE

29.5 cm. high

Provenance Galerie Maine Durieu, Paris Marceau Riviere, Paris Sotheby's, Paris, 18 June 2019, lot 249

€ 2.000 - 2.500



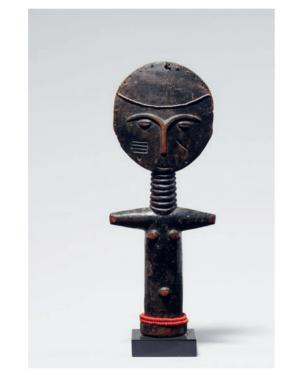


11 ASHANTI DOLL

akua 'ba Ghana 30 cm. high

Provenance Dierking Gallery, Cologne, 2007

€ 800 – 1.200



12 ASHANTI DOLL

akua 'ba Ghana 24 cm. high

Provenance Galerie Simonis, Dusseldorf

€ 800 - 1.200



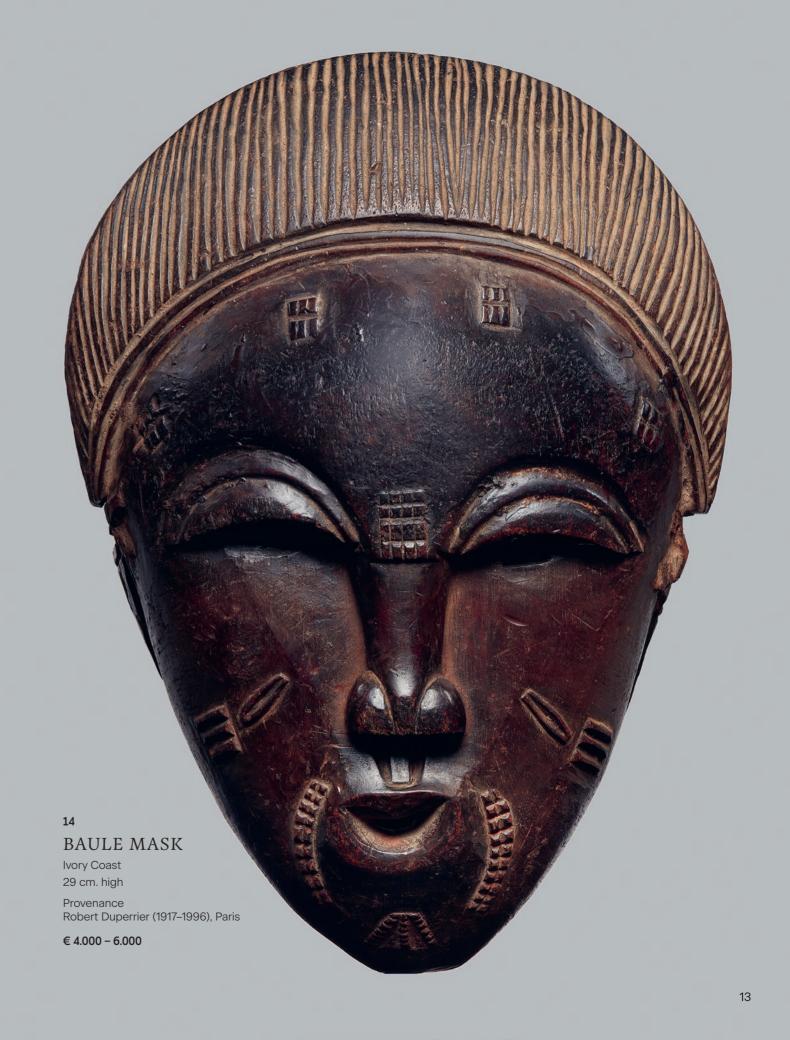
ASHANTI DOLL

akua 'ba Ghana

35 cm. high

Provenance Jean-Pierre Jernander, Brussels

€ 800 – 1.200







BAULE FIGURE

Ivory Coast 52 cm. high

Provenance Maurice Nicaud, Paris

€ 1.500 - 2.000

17 BAULE FIGURE

Ivory Coast 47 cm. high

Provenance Osher Dahan, Paris

€ 2.500 - 3.500



DOGON FIGURE

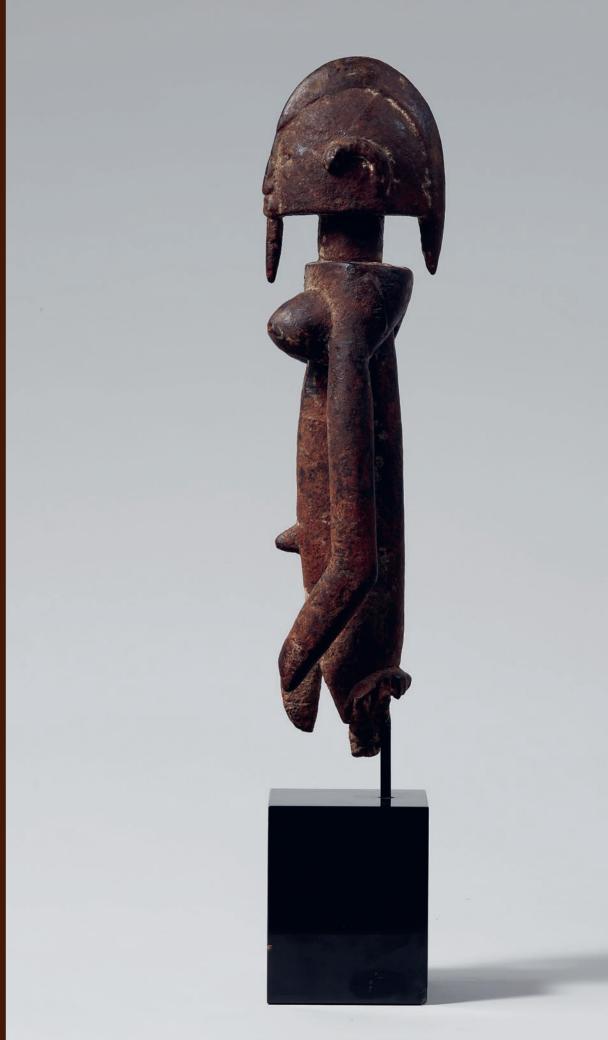
Sanga region, Mali 41.5 cm. high Provenance Philippe Guimiot, Brussels, 1986/1987

€ 10.000 - 15.000

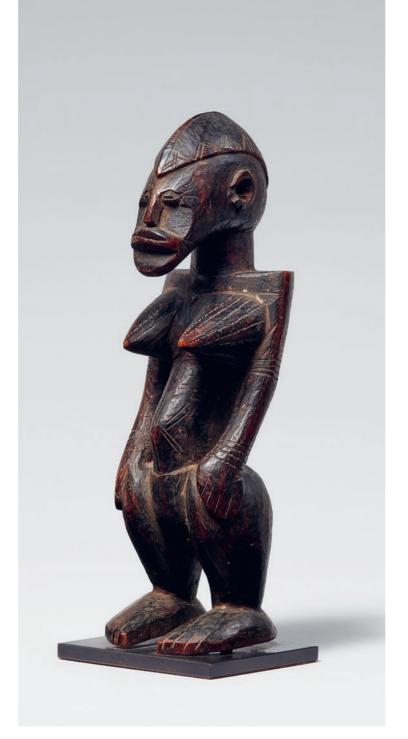
This superb Dogon female figure can be attributed to the Sanga region owing to its close similarity in style to the works of the 'Master of Ogol', so named after the figure now in the Musée du Quai Branly collected in the village of Ogol by Marcel Griaule during his third expedition of 1935. Bernard de Grunne identifies seventeen works which he categorises as 'Master of Ogol' ('A Great Dogon Artist: The Master of Ogol' in Tribal Art, Special Issue no.2, 2011, pp.16–35). Carbon 14 tests on those that have been tested range from 15th to 17th century for the oldest to the 19th century, suggesting they are most likely not the work of a single artist. The present figure resembles most closely the figure which carbon 14 testing suggests is the oldest, now in the collection of the Dapper Foundation (*op cit.* p.30, fig.16 and p.35, fig.17) with its atypically small mouth and nose.

The patination and wear on our figure would seem to suggest a similar if not earlier date.

Griaule's collection notes for the Quai Branly figure state: "a representation of a seated woman, whose 'beard' represents a labret. Has a braid of hair at the head, which should be rolled up, but which the artist could not render except in this way. Usually kept in the house of the hogon (religious leader). Placed on the mortuary house, dressed, for the funerals of wealthy families". Germaine Dieterlen writing about the figure in the Walt Disney-Tishman collection states that the figures come from altars that were erected for rituals dedicated to women who had died in childbirth. The gesture of the hands (held together before the abdomen and pointing downwards) symbolises pregnancy.







BAMANA NTOMO MASK

Mali 55 cm. high

€ 4.000 - 6.000

19 SENUFO FIGURE

Ivory Coast 25.5 cm. high

Provenance Adrian Schlag, Brussels

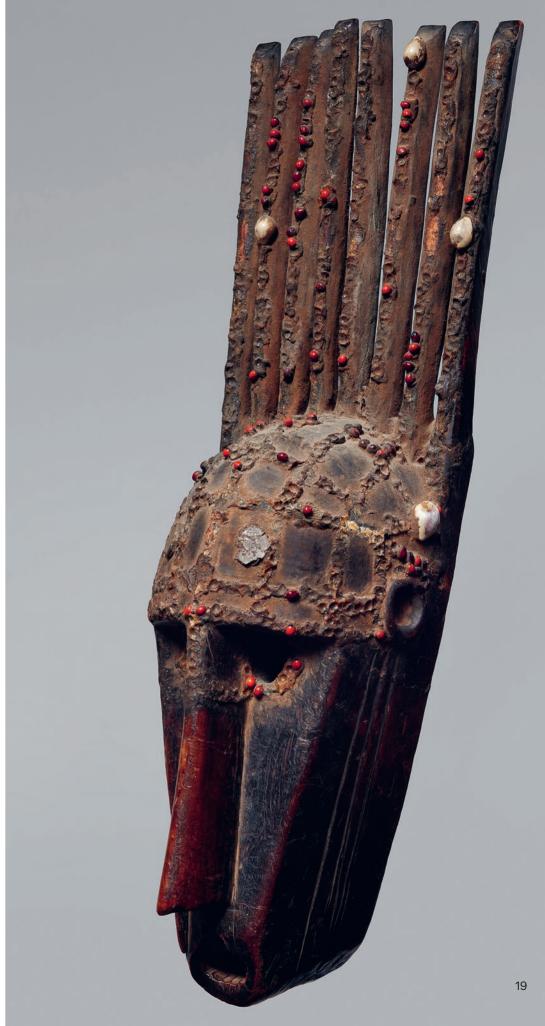
€ 2.500 - 3.500

20 TURKA FIGURE

Burkina Faso 22 cm. high

Provenance Renaud Vanuxem, Paris

€ 2.000 - 3.000





DAN CEREMONIAL SPOON

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Ivory Coast 54 cm. long

Provenance

Renaud Vanuxem, Paris

€ 3.000 - 5.000

23 ATTIE FIGURE

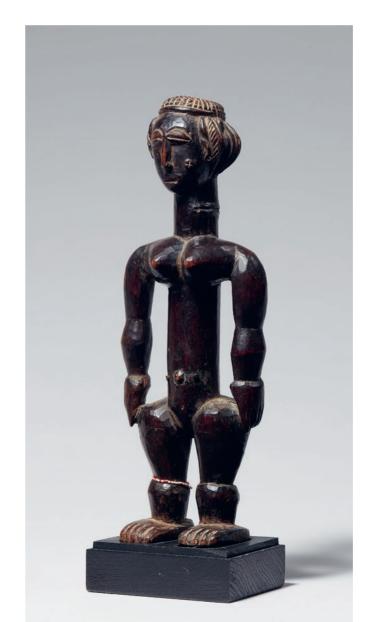
Ivory Coast 29 cm. high

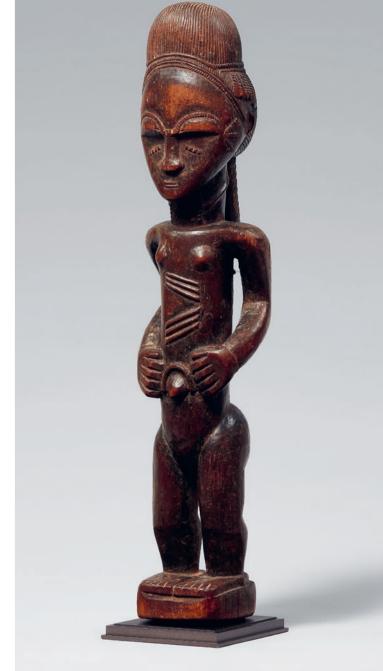
Provenance Lydia Janin, Paris Marceau Rivière, Paris

Sotheby's, Paris, 19 June 2019, lot 136

Norberto Izquierdo, Paris

€ 2.500 - 3.500





BAULE FEMALE FIGURE

Ivory Coast 42 cm. high

Provenance Collection Wolf, Brussels Zemanek-Münster, Würzburg, 8 September 2012, lot 243

€ 2.000 - 3.000



DAN MASK

Ivory Coast 27.5 cm. high

Provenance Collected between 1925 and 1927 by General Gustave Maignan, Rennes

€ 2.000 - 3.000



Interior view of General Gustave Maignan's apartment, 1931



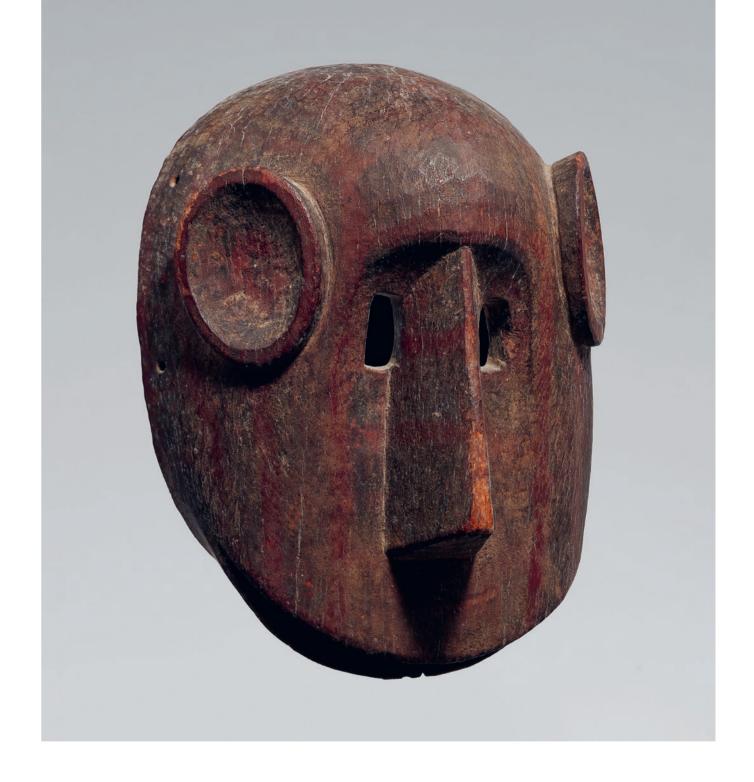
BAMANA ZOOMORPHIC MASK

Mali

28 cm. high

Provenance Jean-Pierre Jernander, Brussels

€ 3.000 - 5.000



The jow initiation societies of the Bamana and Maninka were concerned with rites of passage; Ntomo for the uncircumcised children and Korè for the next stage in their development in which the boys are ritually killed and are resuscitated as adults. The masks of the korè comprise a number of zoomorphic masks including Surukuw (hyenas), Jaraw (lions) and Sulaw (monkeys). It is difficult to identify with certainty

the type of animal represented by the present mask. It has the intersecting painted red lines seen on a number of Bamana lion masks such as that sold at Lempertz on 29 January 2020 as lot 42. A mask very close in style to the present example was formerly owned by Sam Wagstaff and Robert Mapplethorpe (see Tribal Art Magazine, IX:2, Summer 2004, p.10) and was sold at Christie's Paris on 19 June 2014 as lot 212.



GURO HEDDLE PULLEY

Ivory Coast

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13.5 cm. high

Provenance

Paolo Morigi (1939–2017), Magliaso-Lugano, inv. no. 363

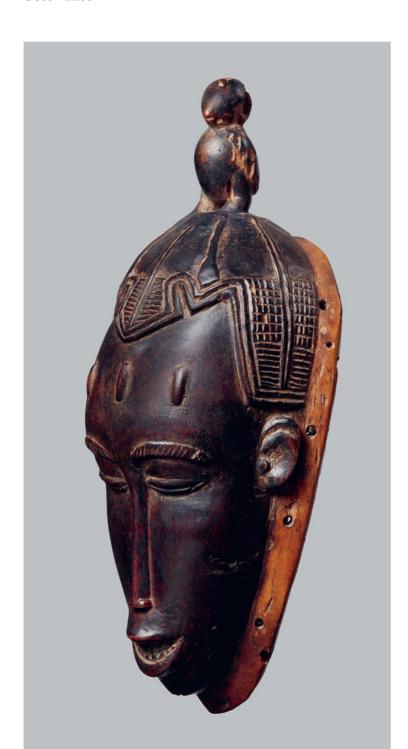
Lucas Ratton, Paris

Emmanuel Dehan, Brussels

Exhibitions Rietberg Museum, Zürich, *Die Kunst der Guro, Elfenbeinküste*, 11 May–13 October 1985

Literature Fischer, E. & Homberger, L., *Die Kunst der Guro, Elfenbeinküste*, Zürich, 1985, p.249, fig.167

€ 800 - 1.200



28 **GURO MASK** Ivory Coast 27 cm. high € 1.000 - 1.500



BAULE SEATED FEMALE FIGURE

Ivory Coast 44 cm. high

Provenance Jaap Polak, Amsterdam, 1997

Literature PAN Amsterdam, 1997, p.197

€ 4.000 - 6.000



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BAULE FEMALE FIGURE

Ivory Coast

40 cm. high

Provenance Alberto Magnelli, artist (1888–1971), Florence/Paris

Christie's, New York, 22 November 1996, lot 26

€ 8.000 - 12.000



IBEJI FROM A FRENCH PRIVATE COLLECTION



PAIR OF YORUBA TWIN FIGURES

ljara, Igbomina 28 cm. high

Provenance Collected *in situ* by the owner in Lomé in the 1980s

Cf. Chemeche, G. et al., *Ibeji:* The Cult of Yoruba Twins, Milan, 2003, pp.227–228, figs.194–195

€ 1.500 - 2.000



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PAIR OF YORUBA TWIN FIGURES

ibej

Ado Odo, Awori

31 cm. high

Provenance Collected *in situ* by the owner in Lomé in the 1980s

Cf. Stoll, M. and G., *Ibeji: Twin figures* of the Yoruba, Munich, 1980, p.124, fig.21

€ 1.800 - 2.200



YORUBA TWIN FIGURE

ibeji

Igbuke Carving House, Oyo 31 cm. high

Provenance

Collected *in situ* by the owner in Lomé in the 1980s

Cf. Richer, X. and Joubert, H., *Ibeji: divins jumeaux*, Paris, 2016, pp. 94/95 for a very similar female figure with the same coiffure

€ 1.200 - 1.800



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YORUBA TWIN FIGURE

ibeji

Ogbomosho, Oyo area 27.5 cm. high

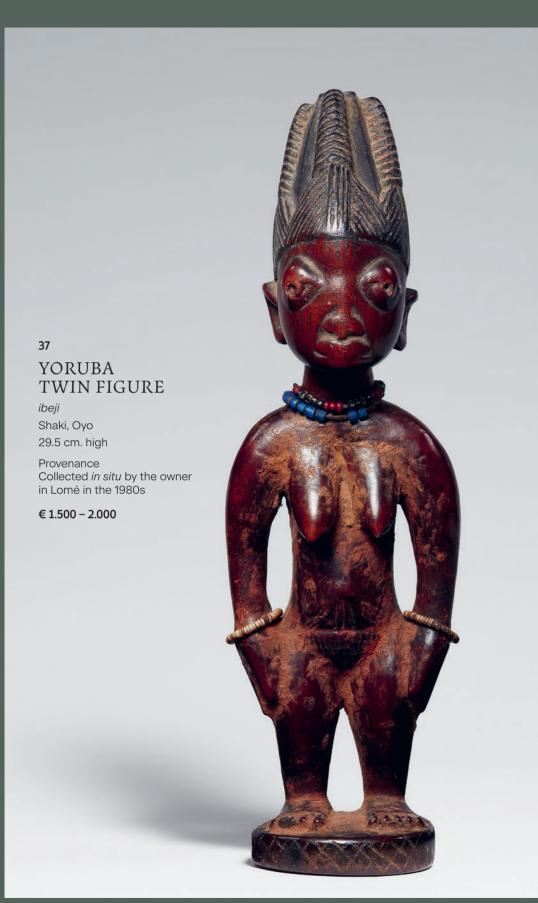
Provenance Christie's, London, 31 March 1982, lot 80

Peter and Vena Schnell, Zurich Sotheby's, Paris, 3 December 2004, lot 121 Millon & Associés, Paris, 23 January 2019, lot 16

€ 800 - 1.200

When catalogued by Christie's, William Fagg suggested it might perhaps date from the nineteenth century and its possible origin as the western Igbomina area. John Pemberton III attributed it to Ilorin.





YORUBA TWIN FIGURE

ibeji

from the workshop of the "Master of Archaic Smile" Ila Orangun, Igbomina 29.5 cm. high

Provenance Harry A. Franklin (1904–1983), Los Angeles

Valerie Franklin, Beverly Hills Sotheby's, New York, 21 April 1990, lot 329

Sydney L. Shaper (1924–2010), New York Arte Primitivo, New York, 20 July 2016, lot 365

Cf. Fagg, W. et al., Yoruba Sculpture of West Africa, New York, 1982, p.141, pl.44. The author writes: The southern Igbomina town of Ila-Orangun is famous for its generations of carvers associated with Inurin's compound in Iperin quarter. One of the most famous is called by William Fagg "the master of the archaic smile." A comparison of the several examples in the collection of the National examples in the collection of the National Museum, Lagos, and in other collections suggests that more than one carver worked in this style. Marilyn Houlberg, who has studied ibeji figures from Ila, notes that three documented carvings of this style in the National Museum belonged to persons in Obasaba's compound in Iperin quarter and were said to have been carved between 1870 and 188r. The unknown carver of these 1850 and 1885. The unknown carver of these enchanting figures has defied the convention of the passive or sombre facial expression. He has exaggerated the lips and given prominence to the chin in a fashion that is prominence to the chin in a fashion that is almost unique among the carvers of Inurin's compound. The large bulbous eyes, the high cheekbones, and narrow jaw, as well as the slightly diminished nose, combine to create the wonderful smile that makes these images so charming. In addition to depicting beads around the waist, the carver placed an Islamic amulet, or tirah, on the chest and back of each figure. The tirah is a leather placket each figure. The tirah is a leather placket containing quotations from the Koran and sometimes medicinal herbal concoctions to protect the wearer from evil spirits. Islamic influence in northern Yorubaland dates to the Holy War of 1804, when the city of Ilorin came under Muslim rule. Over the next four decades, Islam spread rapidly south into the Oyo, Igbomina, and Ekiti areas.

€ 2.000 - 3.000





PAIR OF YORUBA MALE TWIN FIGURES

ibeji

Ajasse, Igbomina 34.5 cm. high

Provenance Galerie Schwarz-Weiss, Essen Zemanek-Münster, Würzburg, 31 October 2015, lot 366

Cf. Chemeche, G. et al., *Ibeji:* The Cult of Yoruba Twins, Milan, 2003, pp.206–212, figs.167–176

€ 2.500 - 3.500



PAIR OF YORUBA TWIN FIGURES

ibeji

lla area

27.5 cm. high

Provenance Collected *in situ* by the owner in Lomé in the 1980s

Cf. Stoll, M. and G., *Ibeji: Twin figures* of the Yoruba, Munich, 1980, p.298, fig.193

€ 2.000 - 3.000

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PAIR OF YORUBA TWIN FIGURES

ibeji

Shaki Region, Oyo 27.5 cm. high

Provenance Galerie Schwarz-Weiss, Essen Zemanek-Münster,Würzburg, 5 March 2011, lot 276

Literature Stoll, M. and G., *Ibeji: Twin figures of the Yoruba*, Munich, 1980, p.248, fig.137

€ 2.000 - 3.000



PAIR OF YORUBA TWIN FIGURES

ibeji

Offa, Igbomina

26 and 28 cm. high

Provenance Collected *in situ* by the owner in Lomé in the 1980s

Cf. Christie's, Paris, 10 June 2008, lot 40

€ 2.000 - 3.000







VARIOUS PROPERTIES



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YORUBA BOWL FOR IFA DIVINATION

agere ifa Nigeria

20 cm. high

Provenance Dr. I. (Jacques) Vogelzang (1930-2010), Hilversum

€ 300 - 500



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YORUBA HOUSE OF HEAD

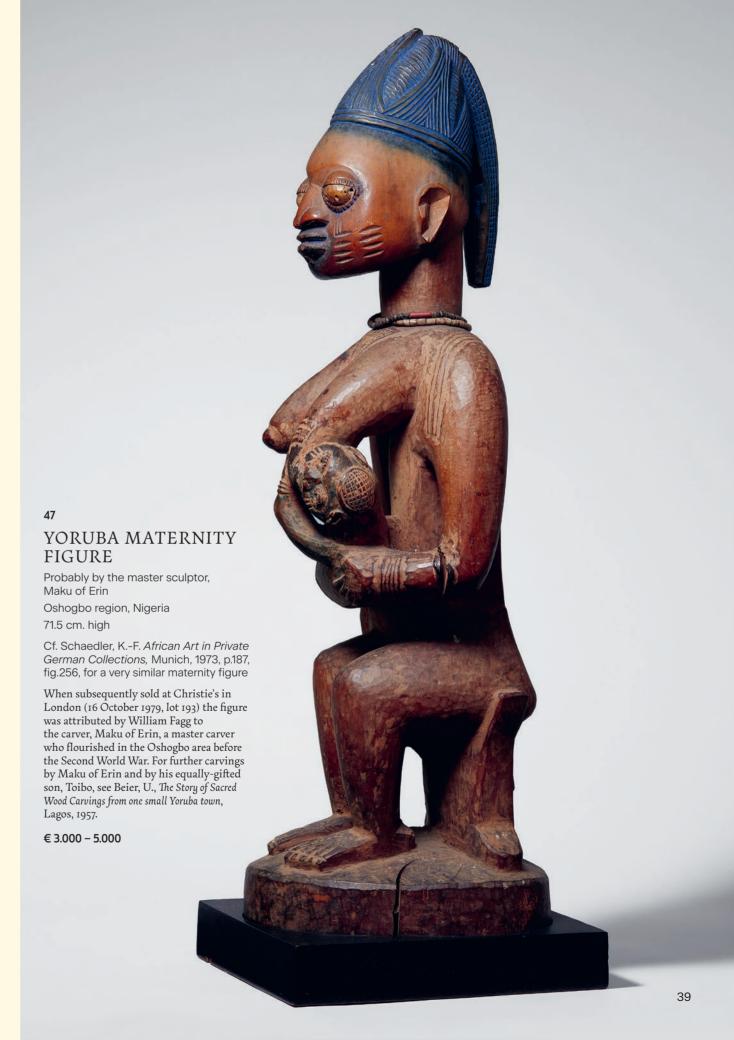
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Nigeria

42 cm. high

Provenance Gert and Mareidi Stoll, Galerie Schwarz-Weiss, Munich/Berchtesgaden, 1982

€ 1.500 - 2.000





EKET MASK

Nigeria

34 cm. high

Provenance

Wilhelm Krohn, Eckernförde

Lucien Van de Velde, Antwerp, 2008-2009

Richard Scheller, Stanford

Literature

Van de Velde, L., South-East Nigeria – Lower Niger – Benue – Cross River, Antwerp, 2009

€ 7.000 - 9.000





50 YORUBA SHANGO STAFF

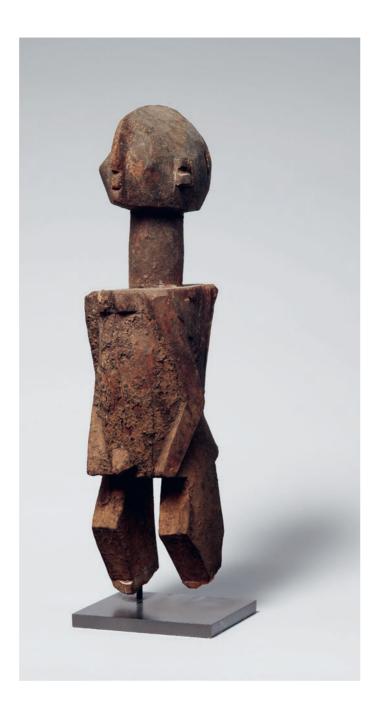
oshe shango

Possibly from the Workshop of Onakunle Aribikona in Gbongan, Nigeria

43.5 cm. high

Provenance Pierre Dartevelle, Brussels

€ 1.000 - 1.500



51 CHAMBA FIGURE

Nigeria

46.5 cm. high

Provenance Pierre Loos, Brussels

€ 1.000 - 1.500







IGBO IKENGA FIGURE

Nigeria 136 cm. high

Cf. Boston, J., *Ikenga figures among the north-west Igbo and the Igala*, London, 1977, p.63, pl.36 and p.85, colour plate 7

€ 5.000 - 8.000

URHOBO FEMALE SHRINE FIGURE

Nigeria

112 cm. high

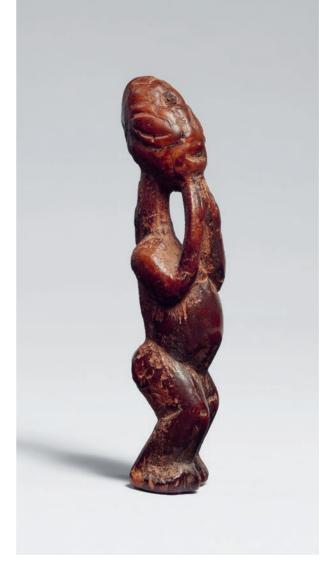
Provenance Collected in the field by Jacques Kerchache and Philippe Guimiot

€ 8.000 - 12.000

This fragment of an over lifesize maternity figure would have formed part of a family of ancestor spirits, the founding men and women of a community, whose powers and fame were such that in time they were eveated to the status of edjo, manifestations of nature-spirit forces. Stored in darkened shrines and hidden from public view for all but a few days, they are considered fearsome to mortals and beautiful to the spirit world (Foss, P., Where Gods and Mortals Meet: Continuity and Renewal in Urhobo Art, New York, 2004).









SMALL FANG FIGURE Gabon

28.5 cm. high

Provenance Bruno Frey, Arnay-le-Duc, France, 1999

€ 3.000 - 5.000

56 SMALL BANGWA FIGURE

Cameroon 13.5 cm. high

Provenance Martial Bronsin, Brussels Michel Boulanger, Liège, 1993

€ 1.000 - 1.500

SMALL BAMILEKE FIGURE

Cameroon 16.5 cm. high

Provenance Michel Koenig (1944–2014), Brussels, 1999

€ 1.500 - 2.000





Democratic Republic of the Congo

The blade 49.5 cm. long

Provenance Christian Gosseau, Brussels

Exhibition

UMKC, Gallery of Art, Kansas City, Missouri, 17 January to 18 March 1998

€ 20.000 - 30.000

Very few of these rare Congo axes are known to us. Two are in the Afrika Museum, Tervuren; one acquired in 1924 (EO.0.0.27400) and the other, (EO.1956.11.1) was purchased from Marcel De Mey in 1956. Jan Elsen attributes both to the Songye-Sanga (Elsen, J., Beauté Fatale: Armes d'Afrique Centrale, Brussels, 1992, p.235 and 236). A third, also attributed by Elsen to the Songye-Sanga is the Barbier Mueller Museum (Elsen, J., "Of iron and pride" White Weapons of Black Africa of the Barbier-Mueller Museum, 2003, p.252, fig.95a). A similar axe in the Wereldmuseum,

Rotterdam (WM-32659), is attributed to the Pende on account of its wooden shaft being carved with two masks in the Pende style. Another was sold by Sotheby's, Paris (12 June 2012, lot 97) and was said to have been collected between 1905 and 1925. An axe, offered by Patrick and Ondine Mestdagh in 2012 was formerly in the collection of James Hooper and another was offered by Galerie Patrik Fröhlich (The Song of a Bird, Zurich, 2015, pp.34-37).

The present massive lot appears to be amongst the largest of the known examples.

PUNU MASK

Gabon 27 cm. high

€ 1.000 - 1.500









63 LEGA MASKETTE

Democratic Republic of the Congo 13 cm. high

Provenance Bruno Frey, Arnay-le-Duc, 2004

€ 1.000 - 1.500

LEGA MASKETTE

Democratic Republic of the Congo 9 cm. high

Provenance Martial Bronsin, Brussels, 1993

€ 1.000 - 1.500

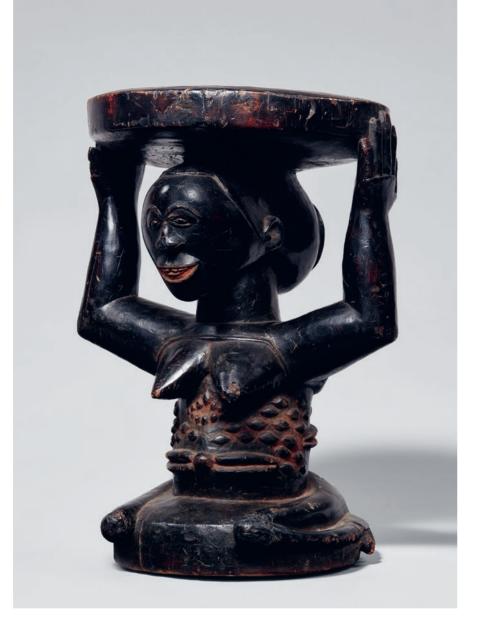


65 LUBA STOOL

Democratic Republic of the Congo 40 cm. high

Provenance Justin Barthels, Maastricht

€ 1.000 - 1.500





MANGBETU STOOL Democratic Republic of the Congo

55 cm. wide

€ 1.000 - 1.500



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PAIR OF MBANZA **FIGURES**

Ubangi region, Democratic Republic of the Congo 27.5 and 30 cm. high

Provenance Philippe Guimiot, Brussels, 1986–1987

€ 2.000 - 3.000







69 SUKU FIGURE

Democratic Republic of the Congo 26.5 cm. high

Provenance Alain Guisson, Brussels

€ 2.000 - 3.000

LUBA KASAI POWER FIGURE

Democratic Republic of the Congo 21 cm. high

Provenance Etude Tajan, Paris, 6 December 1995, lot 79

€ 2.000 - 3.000

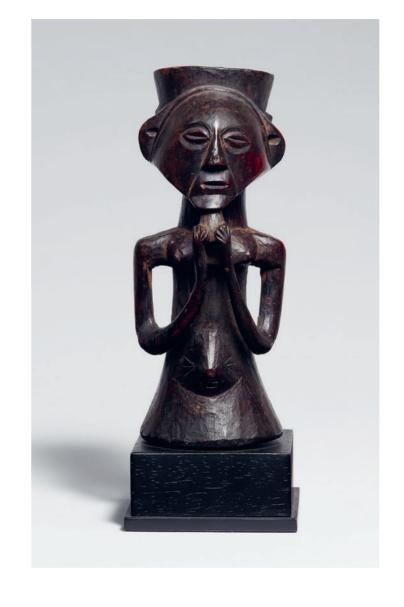


ZANDE HARP FINIAL

Democratic Republic of the Congo 18 cm. high

€ 1.200 - 1.500







5MALL CONGO FIGURE

Democratic Republic of the Congo 22.5 cm. high

€ 2.000 - 3.000

73 KUSU FIGURE

Democratic Republic of the Congo 18 cm. high

Provenance Jef Vanderstraete, Lasne Khepri van Rijn, Galerie Khepri, Amsterdam, 1968 Hermione Waterfield, London David Malik, London

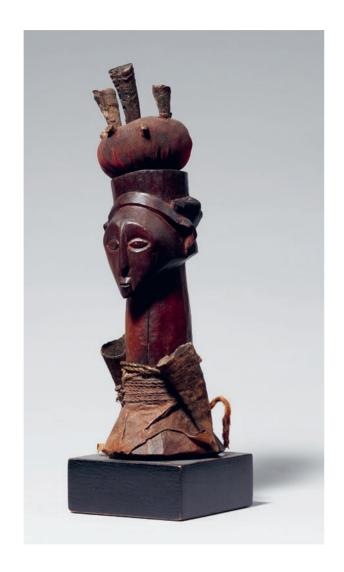
€ 2.000 - 3.000

BEMBE FIGURE

Republic of the Congo 17 cm. high

€ 1.500 - 2.000





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SONGYE POWER FIGURE
Democratic Republic of the Congo

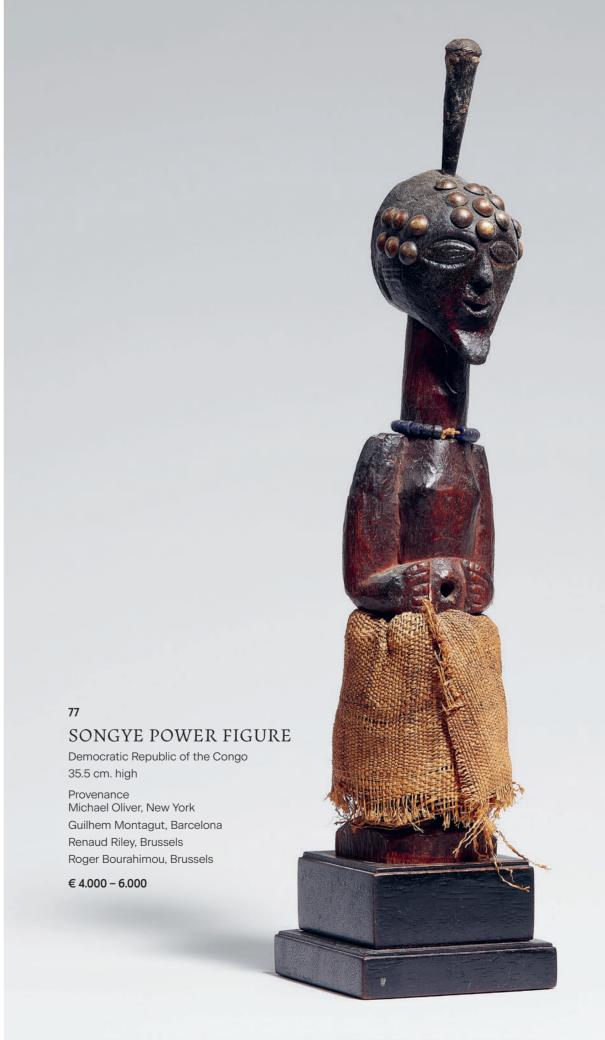
€ 2.500 - 3.000

21 cm. high

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SONGYE POWER FIGURE
Democratic Republic of the Congo

32 cm. high

€ 2.500 - 3.000



PENDE MASK

Democratic Republic of the Congo 46 cm. high

Provenance Werner Forman, London

Literature

Forman, W., Kunst ferner Länder. Ägypten – Afrika-Amerika-Ozeanien-Indonesien, Prague, 1956, p.56

€ 1.000 - 1.500





79 LEGA MASK

Democratic Republic of the Congo 14 cm. high

Provenance Nicolas de Kun, Brussels Giquello & Associés, Paris, 22 November 2022, lot 19

€ 1.000 - 1.500



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LUBA KIFWEBE MASK

Democratic Republic of the Congo 41 cm. high

Drovenance

Marie-Jeanne Walschot (1896–1977), Brussels Huguette Van Geluwe, Brussels, curator at Tervuren and the testamentary legatee of Marie-Jeanne Walschot and obtained by the present owner through an exchange with Huguette Van Geluwe

€ 2.000 - 3.000



CHOKWE KNIFE AND SHEATH

Angola/Democratic Republic of the Congo 36 cm. long

€ 1.500 - 2.000



TOPOKE SHIELD

Democratic Republic of the Congo 57 cm. long

Provenance Collected by Vicomte d'Ouvrier between 1880–1910 Vicomte Théodore d'Ouvrier de la Seigne (1864–1950), Brussels

Native, Brussels, 21 January 2012, lot 78

€ 800 - 1.200

This fine figure of a drummer would have been placed on an ancestral shrine, nzo a bakulu. As early as 1686 Olfert Dapper reported that Kongo kings were interred surrounded by small wood and wax effigies representing those who had served them in life. These figures in light wood reflected the social status of the deceased.

The figure wears a prestige cap of woven fibre, mpu. For similar caps see Lagamma, A., Kongo: Power and Majesty, New York, 2015, p.66-69, figs.31-36t.

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KONGO FIGURE

Democratic Republic of the Congo 58 cm. high

Provenance

Vicomte Théodore d'Ouvrier de la Seigne (1864–1950), Brussels, and, by descent through the family

€ 6.000 - 10.000







*85 LUBA IVORY PENDANT

Democratic Republic of the Congo 10.5 cm. high

Provenance
Pierre Dartevelle, Brussels
Rob Vervoort, Diest/Brussels

€ 1.000 - 1.500



Democratic Republic of the Congo 49.5 cm. long

Provenance Steven Alpert, Dallas Baron Freddy Rolin, New York/ Grez-Doiceau

€ 1.000 – 1.500



TETELA MASK

Democratic Republic of the Congo 31 cm. high

Provenance Jean-Pierre Jernander, Brussels

€ 4.000 - 6.000



The discovery or rediscovery of this mask brings the number of known examples to eight. The other examples were itemised in Lempertz catalogue of I February 2023. The present mask resembles most closely the mask in the Barbier-Mueller collection, Geneva, collected by Berthe Hartert and her husband, Lodève,

France, in the 1940s or 50s (Hahner-Herzog, I. and Kecskési, M., African Masks from the Barbier-Mueller Collection, Geneva, Munich, 1998, p.91). Both masks have a whitened face, carved teeth, two carved scarification marks below each eye and the inclusion of red and blue pigments to highlight certain features.

87 KUSU FIGURE

Democratic Republic of the Congo 25 cm. high

€ 2.000 - 3.000

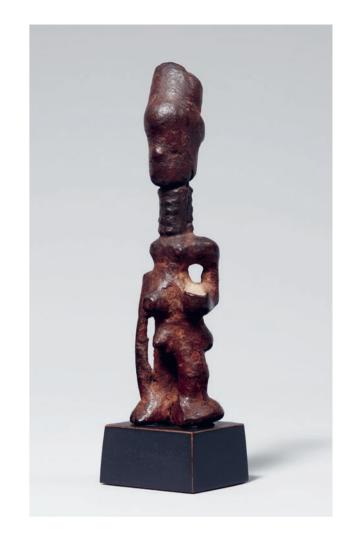


LULUWA FIGURE

Democratic Republic of the Congo 17.5 cm. high

Provenance Yannick Van Ruysevelt, Brussels

€ 800 – 1.200





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CHOKWE FIGURE

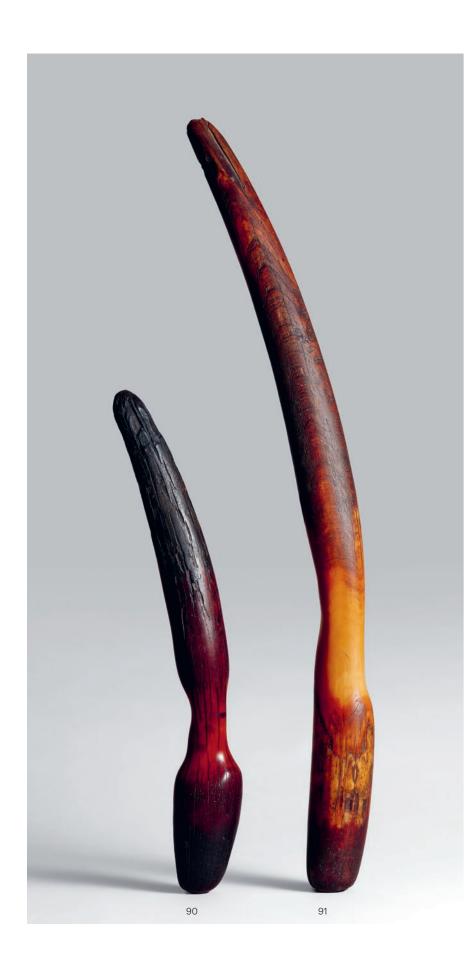
Angola/Democratic Republic of the Congo white painted number on the back of one foot reads ETHC012

13 cm. high

Provenance Josef Herman, London

Christie's, Amsterdam, 12 December 2000, lot 335 Guilhem Montagut, Barcelona, 2012

€ 2.000 – 3.000



‡90

SHOOWA IVORY POUNDER

Democratic Republic of the Congo 50.5 cm. long

iterature

Felix, M.L., White Gold, Black Hands, Ivory Sculpture in Kongo, Vol 4, p.47, ill.40

€ 2.500 - 3.500

The present lot and the following one show a substantially worn surface with a dark and golden patina, suggesting extensive use.

‡91

SHOOWA IVORY POUNDER

Democratic Republic of the Congo 78 cm. long

Cf. Felix, M.L., White Gold, Black Hands, Ivory Sculpture in Kongo, Vol 4, p.46, ill.41, for a similar pestle photographed in situ in a Shoowa community in 1989

€ 2.000 - 3.000



†92

GROUP OF THIRTY-THREE SHI IVORY AMULETS

muroha

Democratic Republic of the Congo The longest amulet 29 cm.

Literature Felix, M.L., *White Gold, Black Hands, Ivory Sculpture in Kongo,* Vol 6, pp.273-275, figs.2B-6-7-8-9

€ 15.000 - 20.000

According to Felix, these ivory amulets, called muroha, were used by the Shi people either as necklace pendants or as charms for swords and knives. Usually carved at the bottom, they feature a small cavity that was filled with a magical charge. The author notes that it is not uncommon to observe on some of these amulets dotted lines. Devoid of aesthetic concerns, these lines serve no purpose other than preventing cracks in the ivory. Felix states that the twelfth pendant, from the right in the photograph of the present lot, appears to be the only known example adorned with a purely decorative pattern.

‡93

MANGBETU IVORY HAIRPIN

Democratic Republic of the Congo 47.5 cm. long

Provenance

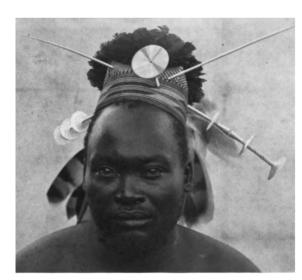
Collected in the early 20th century by François Jean Baptiste Meurice

Donated to Clovis Pierard in 1935

Cf. Schildkrout, E. and Keim, C.A., African Reflections: Art from Northeastern Zaire, New York, 1990, p.131, fig.7.14, for an indentical hairpin collected by Herbert Lang in 1914 at Medje and today in the American Museum of Natural History, New York (acc.no.90.1/1867).

Lang wrote: "Only an experienced artist can hope to carve from the solid tip of an elephant tusk so slender a pin, topped with three large disks. No more wasteful design could be devised, for most of the ivory drops off in useless chips. All Mangbetu men of importance covet pins, most of which, however, terminate in a single concave disk, usually turned toward the front when worn, and supposed to represent the radiance of the sun". (Lang, H., 'Famous Ivory Treasures of a Negro King' in *American Museum Journal*, Vol.XVIII, no.7, November 1918, pp.527-52).

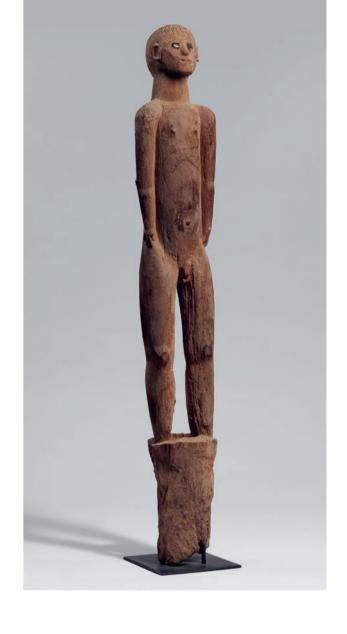
€ 8.000 - 12.000



From Lang, H., 'Famous Ivory Treasures of a Negro King' in *American Museum Journal*, Vol.XVIII, no.7, November 1918, p.540







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BONGO TRUMPET

Sudan

120 cm. high

Provenance Olivier Klejman, Paris

Francine Maurer, Paris

Pierre Bergé, Brussels, 5 June 2007, lot 404

Exhibitions

Passage de Retz, Paris, *Tam-Tam. Tambours & autres instruments d'Afrique ...,*

September 2000

Literature Klejman, O., and Berger, A., *Tam-Tam. Tambours & autres instruments d'Afrique*, 2000, p.103, fig.91

€ 1.000 - 1.500

95

BONGO POST

Tonj Region, Sudan 151 cm. high

Provenance

Max Itzikovitz, Paris

Liliane and Michel Durand-Dessert, Paris

De Baecque & Associés, Paris, 14 November 2018, lot 182

Literature

Krüger, K.-J., 'The Arts of Bahr-el-Ghazal: Funerary Sculpture of the Bongo and Belanda', in *Tribal Arts*, Winter/Spring 1999/2000, p.93, fig 17

According to Krüger the carver of this figure specialises in ringed poles topped with heads. Among his many works this is the only known sculpture which depicts an entire figure.

€ 2.500 - 3.500



FOUR KWERE OR ZARAMO DOLLS

mwana hiti Tanzania 9.5 to 15.5 cm. high Provenance Frank van Craen, Brussels

€ 1.000 - 1.500

97 KWERE HARP

Tanzania 57 cm. long Provenance Pierre Dartevelle, Brussels

€ 800 - 1.200







SAKALAVA FEMALE FIGURE

by the master carver Maneraky, son of Horatsy Ankirijibe, Morondava District, Menabe Region, Madagascar

€ 3.000 - 5.000

65 cm. high

Sophie Goedefroit has kindly informed us that this figure was almost certainly carved by Maneraky, who died in the 1950s and was the son of the renowned carver, Horatsky, who founded the prolific workshop in the village of Kivalo and died in 1910. The Kivalo workshop made sculptures for tombs across the region north of Morondava. The chest, arms, facial features and the relatively small scale are typical of Maneraky's style. A photograph taken by Nicole Boulfroy in the Ankirijibe cemetary (north of Morondava) in November 1970 (Musée de l'Homme BF-72-1042-780) shows a very similar figure. It seems likely that this figure was carved by Maneraky for the cemetry at Ankirijibe. The figure was removed some time between 1970 and 1992. It is almost certainly carved in hazomalany wood (Hernandia voyronii). For a discussion of Horatsy and the Kivalo workshop see Goedefroit, S. and Lombard, J., 'To the Glory of the Ancestors' in Arts & Cultures, Geneva, 2008, pp.136-153. We are grateful to Professor Sophie Goedefroit and Jacques Lombard for their assistance with this catalogue entry.







André Scohy (1914–1994) arrived in the Belgian Congo in 1938. Initially a civil servant, he later served as a territorial administrator before eventually becoming the director of Radio Congo. Throughout his stay in the Congo, he traveled extensively in the region and collected various aretafacts, including the following six lots. His renowned book, Etapes au Soleil, received an award for colonial journalism in 1952.

101 LUBA FEMALE FIGURE

Democratic Republic of the Congo 47 cm. high

Provenance collected by André Scohy (1914–1994) and by descent through the family

€ 2.500 - 3.500

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WOYO POT LID

Tshikai village, Democratic Republic of the Congo

22.5 cm. diameter

Provenance collected by André Scohy (1914–1994), before 1952 and by descent through the family

Literature Scohy, A., *Etapes au soleil*, Brussels, 1952, p.115

€ 6.000 - 8.000

The Woyo of Cabinda used a pictographic language to convey feelings about specific social situations. Wooden pot lids with motifs carved in relief conveyed messages usually between a husband and wife but sometimes between parents and son or daughter. The lids were placed on the clay pots in which a wife would usually carry the food for her husband to the men's communal dining space. The lid would convey her feelings and a husband might place a lid on a pot before returning it to his wife to convey his message. A young woman obtained her initial supply of pot lids from her mother and grandmother at the time of her marriage together with advice

concerning their use. If a suitable pot lid was not available to convey a particular message it was made to order. The complainant would seek the advice of nkotikuanda, the village sage whose instructions were conveyed to the local sculptor. If the message was too complicated for the recipient to read he would visit the nkotikuanda for a translation. (McGuire, C., 'Woyo Pot Lids', in African Arts, Vol.XIII, no.2, February 1980, pp.54-56). Interpretation of individual lids is difficult without detailed knowledge of the language used but the lids contained messages conveyed with each individual element as well as a more general message conveyed by the combination of elements.



"But here is a strange thing: in the corner of the hut, a disc of black wood, about twenty centimetres wide. On one of its sides, figures in relief: a spiral, a half-ellipse, a sort of hook forming an acute accent. - What's this? - A lid. You find such lids everywhere in the region from the sea to Mayumbe. They carry signs, carved figures: each of them represents either a proverb or a native fable. But now it's finished: aluminum and enamelled iron pans have dethroned native pots. And what does this one mean?

- Wait. We're going to call an old woman. The old woman no longer knew how to explain very well what we wanted to know. We had to resort to the chieftaincy secretary who called on the most competent female elders:

This spiral is the centipede: it is coiled at the edge of the path, it is coiled because it senses danger. This means: if you see the centipede curled up, be careful, there is a man nearby. In other words: watch the omens. And this circle?

- That means: you have to listen to the person who comes to tell you what people say about you, because it is useful to hear.
- And this cut ellipse?
- Ah! This is the oyster shell: we opened the oyster, and we gave you one of its halves. It is the symbol of sharing. The meaning is: I gave you something today so that when I meet you again, you in turn will give me something. You understand?
- Of course. And that sharp angled hook?
- Well, that means that when something is hung high,

you have to raise your arm to get it...

And everyone laughed. All languages work now. And as it is clear that I am interested in local things, pot lids come out of all the boxes: two first, then five, then ten; and it continues: it would be up to me to buy all the objects in the village.

The lids are now passed from hand to hand. There is this one dominated by a sort of pyramid; it represents a tomb and reminds its owner that to enjoy, after her death, a beautiful tomb like this, she must have many children... and that if she does not have children, she will be forgotten after her death. There is this other one which represents an open trap; morality: for the trap to work... you must first set it. There is this other one which shows a standing bird: "when the bird is at the top of the termite mound it sees what is happening"; popular wisdom translates: we must take a step back to judge events. There are other covers, more complicated, such as one which shows a woman followed by a hooded man armed with a stick, reminding us that we must observe the customs of the tribe, or this other which presents a double bell, similar to the iron bells that the chiefs once had to summon the people of their villages, maintaining the spirit of discipline within homes by making it known that "when the chief's bell beats, you must go and listen to what he says".

Seeing the money coming out of our pockets, the natives emptied their huts of their reserves." (Scohy, A., Etapes au soleil, Brussels, 1952, pp.115-117)





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WOYO POT LID

Tshikai village, Democratic Republic of the Congo

16.5 cm. diameter

Provenance collected by André Scohy (1914– 1994) and by descent through the family

€ 1.000 - 1.500

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THREE WOYO POT LIDS

Tshikai village, Democratic Republic of the Congo

16 to 17 cm. diameter

Provenance collected by André Scohy (1914–1994) and by descent through the family

€ 1.500 - 2.000





SIX CONGO ARTEFACTS

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Two Mangbetu buttock ornaments, *negbe;* a
Teke brass bracelet; a Kuba carved horn; a Kongo
carved powder flask; and a Kuba box and cover
13 to 34 cm. long

Provenance collected by André Scohy (1914–1994) and by descent through the family

€ 800 – 1.200

Scohy (Scohy, A., Etapes au soleil, Brussels, 1952, pp.111-113) writes: "But, in a corner, a small statue, wormeaten: a traditional "maternity" such as one still finds in the villages of the interior. The magic charge that was placed under pieces of plate glass on the eyes has been removed, and the gaping eye sockets crumble, losing the wood fibre by fibre..... the maternity with its tragically missing eyes, attracts me more and more. As I lift it, it breaks into two pieces and the base remains in my hands; I can no longer resist, and buy it"

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MATERNITY FIGURE

Tshikai village, Democratic Republic of the Congo

17 cm. high

Provenance

collected by André Scohy (1914–1994), before 1952 and by descent through the family

Literature

Scohy, A., Etapes au soleil, Brussels, 1952, p.112

€ 600 - 800

VARIOUS PROPERTIES

107

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN FIGURE

United States of America 75 cm. high

Provenance Leendert Van Lier, Amsterdam Christie's, Amsterdam, 15 April 1997, lot 96 De Zwaan, Amsterdam, 23 April 2021, lot 3305 Literature

van Baaren, Prof. dr. Th. P., *Bezielend beelden*, 1962, p.197

€ 3.000 - 5.000



108

HAND CLUB

paoa Easter Island 43 cm. long

€ 8.000 - 12.000

Handclubs, paoa, from Easter Island are far more rare than the long staffs, ua, with which they share the same Janus head butts. One, formerly in the Hooper collection, is illustrated in Kjellgren, E., Splended Isolation: Art of Easter Island, New York, 2001, p.74, no.45, and another was sold at Christie's on 26 June 1995 as lot 26.







109 KANAK PHALLIC CLUB

New Caledonia 80.5 cm. long

€ 600 – 1.000

110 TONGA CLUB

bowai 87 cm. long

Provenance Woolley & Wallis, Salisbury, 15 December 2021, lot 1005

€ 700 – 900

111 FIJI CLUB bowai

104.5 cm. long

€ 800 – 1.200



MAORI NEPHRITE PENDANT

hei tiki

New Zealand

10 cm. high

Provenance
John Giltsoff, London/New York/Brussels/Gerona

€ 12.000 - 15.000







113 CLUB

u'u

Marquesas Islands 128 cm. long

€ 4.500 - 5.500

114 MAORI CLUB

tewhatewha

New Zealand

169 cm. long

Provenance Jean-Pierre Jernander, Brussels

€ 3.000 – 5.000



115 ABORIGINAL CLUB

Australia 50 cm. long

€ 700 - 900



116 ABORIGINAL SHIELD

Western Australia
67 cm. long
Provenance
Lempertz, Brussels, 29 January 2020, lot 333

€ 1.000 - 1.500





ABELAM CULT FIGURE
Southern Maprik district, Papua New Guinea

Cf. Koch, G., *Kultur der Abelam*, Berlin, 1968, pls.48 and 49, for a very similar carving said to be from the Roma area

Provenance Loed Van Bussel, Amsterdam

366 cm. high

€ 3.000- 5.000

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ABELAM CULT FIGURE

Maprik district, Papua New Guinea 253 cm. high

Provenance Loed Van Bussel, Amsterdam

€ 3.000- 5.000









ASMAT WAR SHIELD

Western New Guinea, Indonesia 159 cm. long

€ 800 - 1.200

121

ASMAT WAR SHIELD

Western New Guinea, Indonesia 150 cm. long

€ 800 - 1.200

122

ASMAT WAR SHIELD

Western New Guinea, Indonesia 156.5 cm. long

€ 800 - 1.200



123

MALAGAN MASK

New Ireland 86 cm. high

Provenance Mathias Komor, New York, H387 Maurice Bonnefoy, New York/Paris

€ 5.000- 8.000



124 DANCE WAND

Malaita, Solomon Islands 53 cm. high

€ 800 - 1.200



Solomon Islands 25.5 cm. diameter

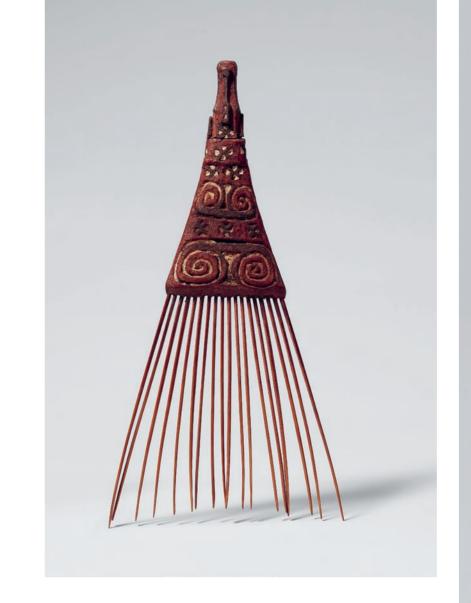
€ 300 – 500

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TWO LIME SPATULAS

Trobriand Islands and Admiralty Islands 36.5 and 39.5 cm. long

Provenance

Seymour Lazar, Palm Springs

The Admiralty Islands spatula acquired on the voyage of La Korrigane, September 1935, by Jean Ratisbonne, La Puisaye, and subsequently sold at Audap-Godeau-Solanet, Paris, 10 November 1989, as lot 14

€ 1.000 - 1.500

128

COMB

Admiralty Islands 31 cm. long

Provenance Collected in the late 19th century by Reverend Isaac Rooney (1843–1931)

Arthur Palmer, Brisbane

Isaac Rooney migrated to Australia from County Tyrone aged six with his parents and they settled in Melbourne. He trained for the ministry at Horton College, Tasmania, and in 1865 was sent to be a missionary in Fiji. He spent fifteen years in Fiji, and eight in the Bismarck Archipelago. He returned to Australia in 1889.

€ 1.000 - 1.500

129

SPEAR

Admiralty Islands 170 cm. long

€ 800 - 1.200





SULKA CLUB

East New Britain 108 cm. long

Provenance Ernst Heinrich, Stuttgart/Bad Cannstatt Loed van Bussel, Amsterdam

€ 2.000 - 3.000

131

BAINING CLUB

Gazelle Peninsula, East New Britain 125 cm. long

Provenance Major R. Donnelly, Gosport

€ 1.000 - 1.500

SULKA SHIELD East New Britain 127 cm. long Provenance Alex Philips, Melbourne

€ 12.000 - 15.000



EIGHT OCEANIC SPEARS
240 to 314 cm. long
€ 600 - 1.000





†134 SANTA CRUZ PECTORAL

tema
Solomon Islands
16.5 cm. diameter

€ 1500 - 2.000

†135
KAP KAP
Solomon Islands

12 cm. diameter € 1.000 – 1.500





136
IATMUL WAR CANOE
PROW ORNAMENT

Papua New Guinea 130 cm. high

€ 600 - 1.000



FIVE LAKE SENTANI PADDLES
Western New Guinea, Indonesia

€ 800 - 1.200

162.5 to 171.5 cm. long





FLOAT Mentawai Islands

68 cm. high € 700 - 900

BOIKEN BRIDE PRICE

talipun Papua New Guinea 42 cm. high

€ 800 - 1.200



141

KANAK MODEL ROOF FINIAL

New Caledonia 60 cm. high Provenance Sommerville collection, Bordeaux Galerie Flak, Paris, 2015

€ 1.000 - 1.500

142

MENTAWAI KNIFE

Indonesia 31 cm. long Provenance

H. Huis, t'Veld, The Netherlands Michel Thieme, Amsterdam

€ 1.000 - 1.500





BOWL

Solomon Islands 95 cm. long

Provenance

Paolo Morigi, Lugano

Native, Brussels, 11 June 2011, lot 75

Literature Orefici, G., *La Terra dei Moai, Dalla Polinesia, All' Isola di Pasqua,* 1994, fig.26

€ 2.500 - 3.500



144 TELEFOMIN HOUSE ENTRANCE BOARD Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea 268 cm. high

Provenance Philip Goldman, London

€ 5.000 - 8.000



109



145 MASSIM TREE-KANGAROO

Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea 15 cm. high

€ 800 - 1.200

SEPIK RIVER HEADREST
Papua New Guinea

12 cm. high

€ 1.000 - 1.500



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LOWER SEPIK RIVER CHARM FIGURES

Papua New Guinea

21 cm. high

Provenance Nasser Gallery, New York Bruce Frank, New York

Literature

Fogel, J. (Ed.), Powerful Magic: Miniature Sculptures from the Sepik River Region, New York, 2013, fig.4

Cf. Peltier, P. et al., Sepik: Arts de Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée, Paris, 2015, p.281, fig.164, for three linked figures in the Museum der Kulturen Basel, from Kudiman village in the Yuat linguistic area, said to have served as men's personal companions

€ 15.000 - 20.000





YUAT RIVER MASK

Papua New Guinea 46 cm. high

€ 1.500 - 2.000

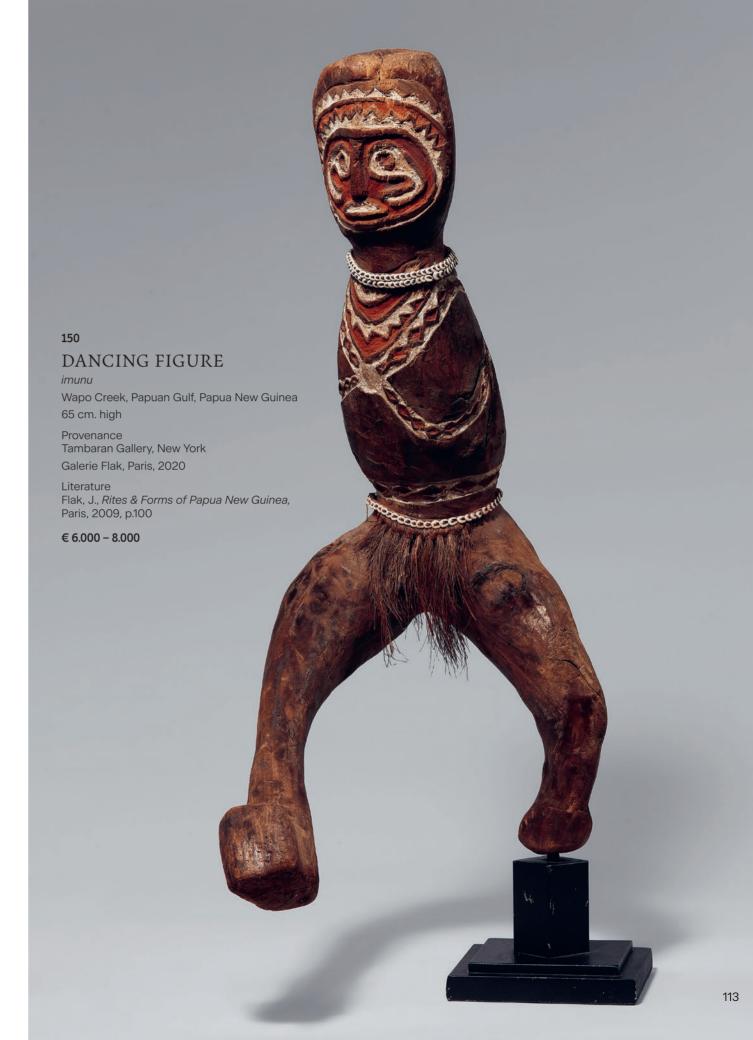


Papua New Guinea 12.5 cm. long

Provenance Michael Hamson, Palos Verdes

€ 800 - 1.200







CLUB

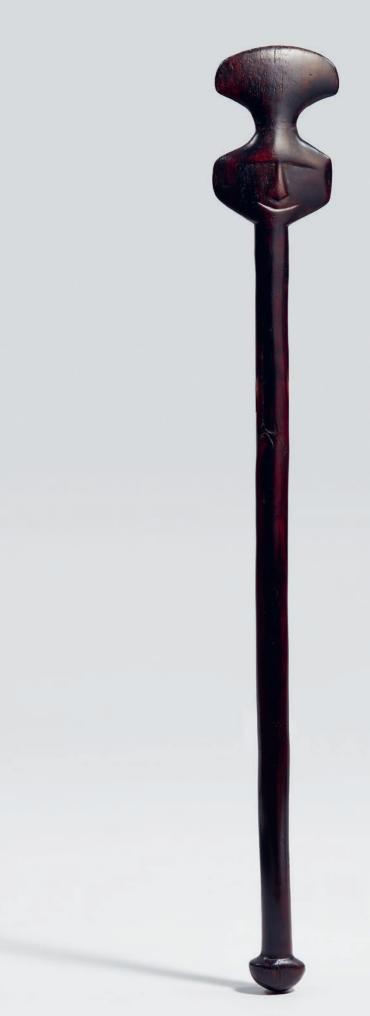
Ambrym Island, Vanuatu

85 cm. long

Provenance Alberto Magnelli, artist (1888–1971), Florence/Paris

Christie's, New York, 22 November, 1996, lot 103

€ 6.000 - 8.000







SHIELD

East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea 145 cm. long

Provenance Michael Hamson, Palos Verdes Galerie Punchinello, Paris

€ 4.000 - 5.000

154 RAMU RIVER SHIELD

Papua New Guinea 134 cm. long

Provenance Kevin Conru, Brussels, 2005

Literature Conru, K., Southeast African and Oceanic Art, Brussels, 2005, pp.42-43

€ 2.000 - 3.000

In Crocodile and Cassowary (New York, 1971, p.36) the author, Douglas Newton, writes: The main weapons of the Nggala were shields, spears, and bows and arrows. Spears were inaugurated with magic songs shields were of even greater importance. At the conclusion of the headhunting celebrations, the elder men held a sort of contest in which younger men were allotted the right to carry shields. The women and children were sent away by the elders, who told them that enemies were coming to attack the village: but the real reason was that they should not see the shields. This was because they were identified with major ancestral spirits, some of them at least water-spirits. First, the small boys came singing and dancing up to the ceremonial house fence, followed by the young men, who were then given spears and shields. The fighters who were qualified to stand guard at the watch-posts carried out a mock attack in groups of two or three, and the elders judged the manner in which the young men conduct themselves. On the basis of this — cooperation with partners seems to have been an important criterion they gave shields to the adept, and refused them to the less capable.

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NGALA WAR SHIELD

Papua New Guinea 178 cm. long

Provenance Collected by the present owner in the village of Swagup

Cf. Kelm, H., Kunst vom Sepik, vol.2, 1966, figs.166 and 167, for two very similar shields in the Berlin Ethnological Museum collected on the Kaiserin-Augusta-Fluss-Expedition of 1912/13. The shields are described as coming from Kara (as Ngala village was named on Walter Behrmann's map of the time).

€ 8.000 - 12.000







156 PALAWAN QUIVER Republic of the Philippines

46 cm. long

€ 500 - 800

TWO IFUGAO SPOONS

Luzon, Philippines
19 and 21.5 cm. long
Provenance
Todd Barlin, Sydney (for the smaller one)

€ 1.500 - 2.000

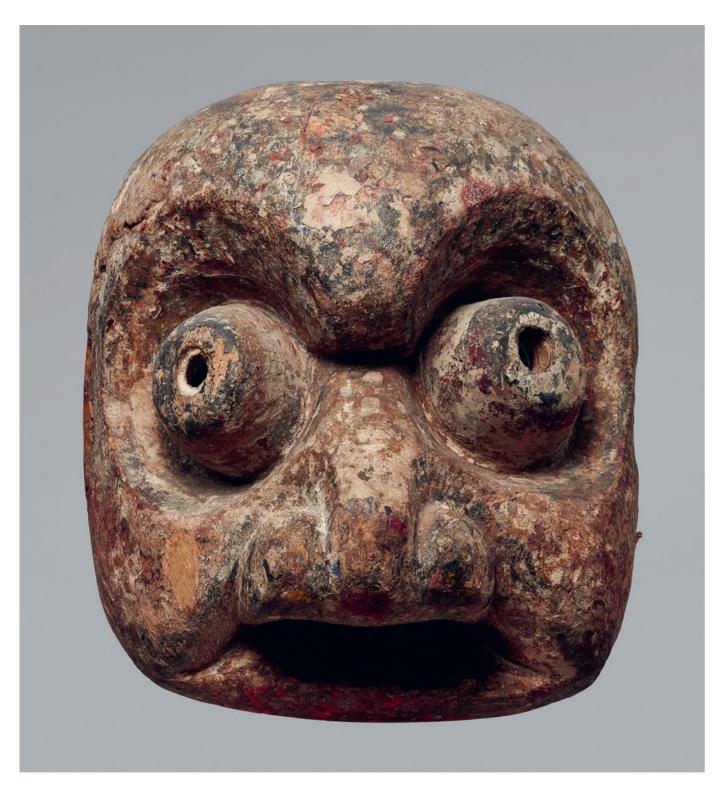
JORAI FIGURE

Vietnam 118 cm. high

€ 8.000 - 12.000

The Jorai are one of the hill tribes of the Central Highlands of Vietnam. These powerful carvings, most often depicting a human figure in a fetal position, were carved atop posts which surrounded the graves of notable individuals. Following the death and burial of important persons the grave would be surrounded by familiar objects and possessions of the deceased and over a relatively short period daily offerings of food would be left on the grave. Several months or even years after this initial burial phase, when the family had raised sufficient funds to pay for the required sacrificial buffaloes and pigs, a final important farewell ceremony was held which could last up to a week and as part of which carved posts like the present lot were erected around the grave. Following this final farewell ceremony the deceased's spirit was believed to leave the area to join the other spirits in the ancestral forest or ghost village and never to return. At this time the grave was ritually abandoned and was no longer visited by relatives and the carved figure posts were left to return to nature.





YAO MASK

China

44 cm. high

Provenance Alexandre Bernand, Paris

€ 2.000 - 3.000

160

TORAJA FIGURE

tautau

Sulawesi, Indonesia 106 cm. high

Provenance Anthony Plowright, France Alain de Monbrison, Paris David Serra, Barcelona

€ 4.000 - 6.000



A number of very similar figures were photographed by James Philip Mills and John Henry Hutton in April 1923 in the Konya Naga village of Angphang close to the border with Burma (today Myanmar). Hutton was Deputy Commissioner at Kohima at the time and Mills was Assistant Commissioner at Mokokchung. They were in the area on a punitive expedition to the Konyak village of Yungya, certain inhabitants of which had carried out a head-hunting raid on Kamahu. Both men carried out extensive anthropological research during their time in Nagaland.

Mills photographs a large number of figures under a thatched shelter (Image number B.027, J.P. Mills Photographic Collection, SOAS University of London) and Hutton photographed a row of three figures (J.P. Mills Photographic Collection Image number B.020) which are today in the Pitt Rivers Museum, having been donated by Hutton in 1928. The figures are close in style to our figures with the same concave heart-shaped face with metal tacks inserted in the eyes (the Pitt Rivers figures are accession numbers 1923.84.897.1, 1923.84.988.1 and 1923.84.989.1-3, and illustrated in Jacobs, J. et al., The Nagas: Hill People of Northeast India, London, 1990, p.209).

Wooden ancestor figures amongst the Northern and Central Naga groups might be carved to represent not just a deceased man of high rank but also his family, lineage, servants and the people he had killed. They were sometimes carved in pairs, one representing the deceased and the other a servant to accompany him to the land of the dead. Once the prescribed rituals had been performed the figures were no longer considered taboo. In the area of Angphang the figures were not placed on the graves of a deceased but were placed in a shelter belonging to the clan or on the path so they would be seen as villagers go to and from the fileds. One of our figures has painted on his chest the tattoo which, amongst the northern Naga tribes, denotes his status as a headhunter. The practise of headhunting was carried out to bring to the clan a surplus of fertility and life power and erect phalluses were a common feature on ancestor carvings and on carvings in the morung, the dorminories of unmarried men.



Image number B.027, J.P. Mills Photographic Collection, SOAS University of London

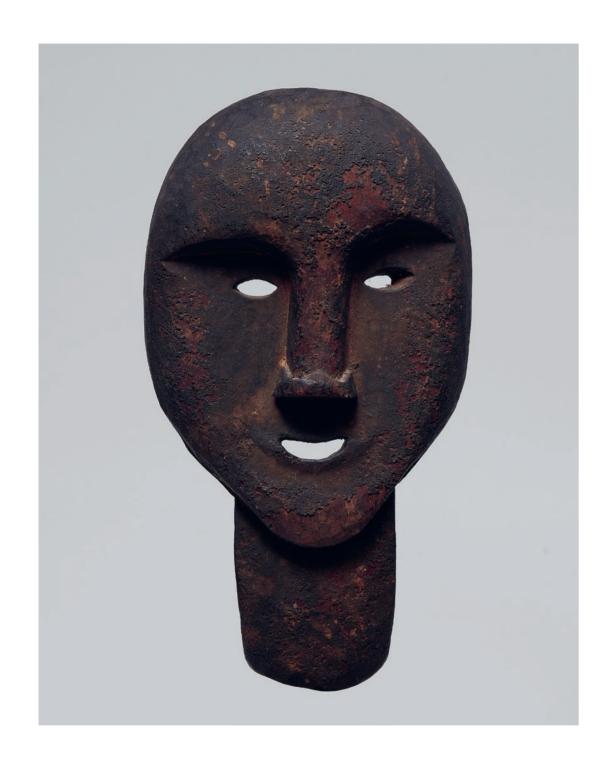
161 TWO NAGA MALE FIGURES

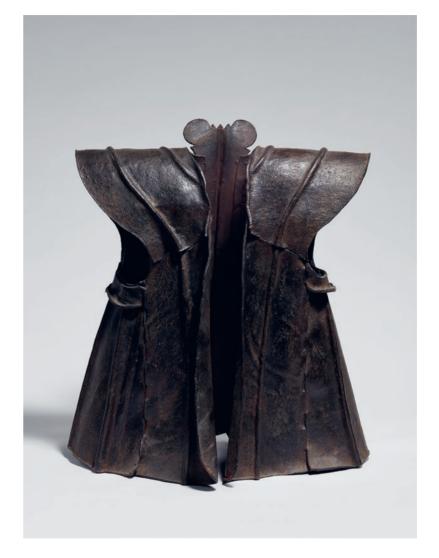
96.5 and 97 cm. high

Konyak, Northern Nagaland, India

€ 15.000 - 20.000









TIMOR MASK

Indonesia 31 cm. high

Provenance Jean-Pierre Jernander, Brussels

€ 2.000 - 3.000

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NIAS HIDE CUIRASS AND TWO WEAPONS

Baru oroba and balato Indonesia The cuirass: 58 cm. high

The cuirass: 58 cm. high The weapons: 31 and 66 cm. long

€ 10.000 - 12.000

TOBA BATAK MEDICINE HORN

Sumatra, Indonesia 38.5 cm. long

Provenance De Zwaan, Amsterdam, 9 November 2021, lot 3500

€ 1.000 - 1.500





BATAK HOUSE ORNAMENT

singa Sumatra, Indonesia 103 cm. high

€ 800 - 1.200



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CENDERAWASIH BAY HEADREST

Western New Guinea, Indonesia 14 cm. high

€ 5.000 - 8.000



BARK CLOTH

Cenderawasih Bay, Indonesia 135 cm. long

Provenance Koloniaal Instituut, Amsterdam

Cf. Corbey, R., Korwar: Northwest New Guinea ritual art according to missionary sources, Leiden, 2019, p.374-375

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SMALL KORWAR FIGURE

Schouten Islands, Cenderawasih Bay, Indonesia 15 cm. high

Provenance

Arnold Wentholt, The Netherlands

Literature

Corbey, R., Korwar: Northwest New Guinea ritual art according to missionary sources, Leiden, 2019, p.131, fig.100

€ 800 - 1.200

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ZOOMORPHIC HEADREST

Cenderawasih Bay, Indonesia 42.5 cm. long

Provenance

Mimi Tissot van Patot (1906-2006)

Wouter Kleiman, The Netherlands

Cf. de Clercq, F.S.A., Ethnographische beschrijving van de west- en noord-kust van Nederlandsch Nieuw-Guinea, Leiden, 1893, p.374, pIXXIV for a Cenderawasih Bay canoe prow depicting the same zoomorphic carving

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HEADREST

Cenderawasih Bay, Indonesia 14 cm. high

Provenance Kunsthandel Aalderink, Amsterdam Martin Doustar, Brussels

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€ 10.000 - 12.000





172 NIAS FIGURE

Indonesia 36.5 cm. high

Provenance Collected by Willem Steinhart, a Dutch missionary working on Batu Island

Henry Blekkink, The Hague

Robert van der Heijden, Amsterdam

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TWO NIAS FIGURES

Indonesia

26 and 26.5 cm. high

Provenance

For the shorter one: Herbert Juan da Silva, The Hague Christe's Amsterdam, 11 December 2001, lot 66 For the tall one: reputedly Linden Museum, Stuttgart

Serge Brignoni, Lausanne

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Henry Blekkink (1888, Java-1953, The Hague) was a Dutch high school geography teacher who spent the first ten years of his childhood in the Dutch East Indies. In his article in the Tribal Art Magazine, Weener demonstrates that Henri Blekkink likely acquired his korwar collection from the protestant missionary of the Utrecht Missionary Society, Frans Johannes Frederik van Hasselt (1870-1939). According to the author, missionaries from the Utrecht Missionary Society were dispatched to northern New Guinea starting in 1862. Upon their arrival in the Cenderawasih Bay area, they began collecting korwar ancestor figures. F.J.F. van Hasselt arrived in the region in 1894 and actively gathered a substantial quantity of material during numerous boat trips to the various islands in the area. He sent those objects to the Netherlands, where many were displayed in exhibitions organised from 1909 by the Utrecht Missionary Society.

Weener suggests that Henry Blekkink most likely encountered van Hasselt through the New Guinea study circle of the Moluccan Institute, a group they both joined in the thirties.

According to the old label attached to the back of this figure, this Korwar was collected on the southern coast of Biak Island.



KORWAR FIGURE

Cenderawasih Bay, Indonesia

32 cm. high

Provenance

Henry Blekkink (1888–1953), The Hague

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Weener, F., The Korwar Collection of Henry Blekkink, in *Tribal Art Magazine*, no.63, Spring 2012, p.88

Corbey, R., Korwar: Northwest New Guinea ritual art according to missionary sources, Leiden, 2019, p.68, fig.41, p.77, fig.49 and pp.116-117, fig. 85

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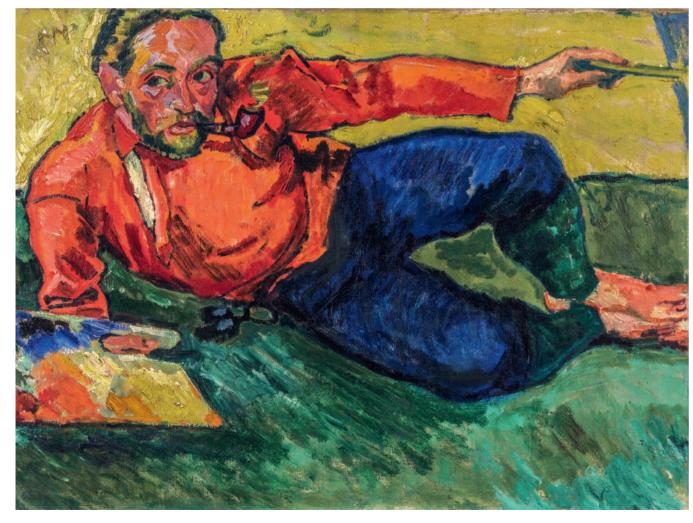
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