



Large Reliquary Statue Mbete Or Ambete Gabon Or Republic Of The Congo



3 400 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : A restaurer

Material : Painted wood

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Description

Large Mbete Or Ambete Reliquary Statue, Republic Of Congo ... Height 100 cm, blows, losses, wear, attacks of xylophages ... Remains of black and red polychromy, as well as a layer of kaolin. A foot is broken, for the record this statue had a broken leg which was very weakened by termites, and could no longer stand up, it was given to an association which installed wells in the Congo to be sold, and to finance new works. The buyer had it restored, rather well by the way. A rope was passed through the 2 holes under the arms to keep the reliquary door closed. Note a significant and uncommon glossy patina on the arms, because probably held during dances or processions, as well as above the penis on the lower abdomen, probably due to significant ritual friction! A rare item! Photos taken in daylight

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