



Debira Pendant Figuring A Snake - Gan Culture, South-west Burkina Faso - 19th Century



280 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

Description

DEBIRA PENDANT showing a coiled snake
Gan culture, South-West Burkina Faso, 19th
century
Copper alloy
H. 10.7; L 4 cm

DEBIRA PENDANT depicting a coiled
SERPENT, the head marked with two bulging
eyes and an incised median line, the body in a
checkerboard pattern.
Suspension ring.
Debira pendants are the plastic expression of the
Torfan. He is a spiritual entity who can manifest
himself in many forms such as a snake, tortoise,
chameleon, panther or caiman. Its representations
can vary, and fetishes can have from one to ten
heads.

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A protective figure, it keeps evil spirits away
from people and livestock, and favours harvests
and hunting.

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