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OCEANIC ART





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FOUR MAORI EARRINGS, NEW ZEALAND, CA. 1600-1850

kuru

Nephrite (probably *inanga* variety)
lengths 3 1/2 to 4 3/4in (9 to 12.1cm)

Provenance

Australian Private Collection

US\$3,000 - 5,000

€2,500 - 4,100

302

MAORI PENDANT, NEW ZEALAND, CA. 1600-1850

hei tiki

Nephrite (probably *kawakawa* variety)
height 4 7/8in (12.3cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, London

A rare example, probably unique, with the upper torso of a traditional *hei tiki* figure not included in this artist's rendering.

US\$3,000 - 5,000

€2,500 - 4,100

303

MAORI ANTHROPOMORPHIC PENDANT, NEW ZEALAND, CA. 1600-1850

hei tiki

Nephrite (probably *kawakawa* variety)
height 4 7/8in (12.3cm)

Provenance

John Hewett Bogg Farm, United Kingdom
American Private Collection

Clearly unfinished with only the right eye complete, the left eye, mouth and suspension hole only started, the pendant takes the form of the adze which it is being carved from, with a slightly trapezoidal, adze-form shape and sharp blade edge on the top; beautiful, marbled dark-green nephrite.

US\$12,000 - 18,000

€9,800 - 15,000



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MAORI ANTHROPOMORPHIC PENDANT, NEW ZEALAND, CA. 1600-1850

hei tiki
 Nephrite (probably *kawakawa* variety), *paua* shell
 height 3 3/4in (9.5cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, New Hampshire
 Mark and Carolyn Blackburn, Honolulu
 Australian Private Collection

Of overall fleshy composition, almost a full centimeter thick, the left hand resting on the hip while the right rests on the torso; the right shoulder lifts upwards as the arm at the elbow is lifted in front of the right hip.

US\$10,000 - 15,000
€8,200 - 12,000

305
MAORI HAND CLUB, NEW ZEALAND, CA. 1600-1850

mere
 Nephrite (probably *inanga* variety)
 length 13in (33cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, England

This handsome example is finely stone carved from the most highly sought-after variety of *pounamu* or nephrite jade from the Maori *inanga* stone, named after the young white bait fish because of its pearly-white, blue-white or light green color; the blade with a sunken groove running lengthwise on one side.

US\$7,000 - 9,000
€5,700 - 7,400

306
LARGE MAORI HAND CLUB, NEW ZEALAND, CA. 1600-1850

patu onewa
 Stone (probably *grewacke*)
 length 16 1/2in (42cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, England

Of monumental scale, this *patu onewa* has been finely ground and polished with sandstone until perfectly finished to a very high standard.

US\$8,000 - 12,000
€6,600 - 9,800



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LARGE PADDLE CLUB, MARQUESAS ISLANDS

parahua

Wood

length 97 1/4in (247cm)

Provenance

Purportedly Reverend James Hunnewell Kekela (1824–1904), the first Native Hawaiian to be ordained a Protestant minister in 1849 who worked as a missionary in the Marquesas Islands. After rescuing an American sailor from cannibals, President Abraham Lincoln presented him with a gold pocket watch.

Queen Liliuokalani (1838-1917), the first queen and last monarch of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, ruling from January 29, 1891, until the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii on January 17, 1893;

Sold in 1917 at the sale of her effects at Washington Place, Honolulu
American Private Collection

Cf. Ivory, Carol, *Mata Hoata – Arts et Société aut Îles Marquises*, Musée du Quai Branly, Paris, 2016, fig. 79

US\$12,000 - 18,000

€9,800 - 15,000

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**FINE CEREMONIAL HAFTED ADZE,
MANGAIA ISLAND, COOK ISLANDS**

toki

Wood, stone, coconut fiber sennit
length 37 1/2in (95.2cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, Hawaii
Bonhams, New York, 12 November 2014,
lot 247
Private Collection, New York

The shaft intricately incised with geometric design, the stone adze inset and bound with fine fiber sennit.

US\$6,000 - 8,000
€4,900 - 6,600

309^Y

EXCEEDINGLY RARE FIGURE FROM A NECKLACE, FIJI ISLANDS

Sperm whale tooth (*Physeter macrocephalus*)
height 2 3/8in (6cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, New Bedford, Massachusetts, 1960s

Steven Hooper notes, 'The earliest dates for human settlement of western Polynesia suggest that sometime around 1000 BC voyagers crossed the 700-mile divide between the main Melanesian islands and Fiji. These people made a distinctive dentate-stamped form of pottery called Lapita, named after the site on New Caledonia where it was first identified. These "Lapita peoples", who no doubt made return voyages, were the ancestors of modern Polynesians. After their arrival they appear to have consolidated in the region, prior to a further eastward exploratory push during the second half of the first millennium AD. Archaeological evidence indicates dynamic periods of cultural change around AD 1000-1200, and a period of fort-building in the fourteenth to sixteenth centuries.

By the 18th century chiefdoms were established throughout the region, their relative strengths waxing and waning as alliances and conflicts affected their relationships. And extensive exchange network existed between Fiji, Tonga and Samoa (Kaepler, Adrienne, 'Exchange patterns in goods and spouses; Fiji, Tonga and Samoa.' *Mankind*, 1978, 11(3): 246-52). Tongan influence was increasing in eastern Fiji, and specialist carpenters are constructing large double canoes with efficient Micronesian rigs which allowed great maneuverability and maritime supremacy. Into this dynamic situation arrived Cook during his second and third voyages in the 1770s, and other Europeans such as Malaspina and D'Entrecasteaux followed. Cooke name Tonga the "Friendly Islands" and Bougainville in 1768 called Samoa "Navigator's Islands." Information about the first decades of the nineteenth century derives from the remarkable account by William Mariner of his four-year stay in Tonga between 1806 and 1810 (Mariner, William, *An account of the natives of the Tonga Islands in the South Pacific Ocean: with an original grammar and vocabulary of their language*, John Martin (ed.) 3rd edition. Edinburgh: Constable), and from accounts of visits of sandalwood traders such as Lockerby to Fiji. (Im Thrun, E. and L.C. Wharton (EDS), 1925, *The journal of William Lockerby, sandalwood trader in the Fijian Islands during the years 1808-1809*, ...London: Hakluyt Society).

Bêche-de-mer traders and missionaries of the London Missionary Society and the Methodist mission arrived in the 1820s. Chiefs in Tonga were converted around 1830 but it was not until 1854 that Cakobau, Fiji's most powerful chief, converted to Christianity after

a prolonged period of warfare between the major chiefdoms of Bau and Rewa (Sahlins, MD, *Apologies to Thucydides: understanding history as culture and vice versa* Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 2004). Meanwhile Tongan expansionist policies, personified in the Christian warrior Ma'afu, were affecting eastern Fiji, a process only stopped by the cession to Fiji to Britain in 1874. Fiji became independent in 1970. Tonga, under the long-lived King George Tupou and his successors, has maintained its independence. Samoa fell increasingly under German influence in the late nineteenth century, before being split into two--western Samoa (independent in 1962) and American Samoa.

The immense amount of activity in the region during the period under review means that the attribution of objects is often difficult. Samoan-Tongan carpenters were settled in eastern and coastal of Fiji, working in the service of local chiefs to produce canoes and regalia made of shell and ivory. Their presence is manifested in the large amount of whale-ivory inlay which can be found in artefacts from this period. This was a result of the increased availability of whales' teeth and metal tools through trade with Europeans, and a cultural situation in which ivory was highly valued and strategically important.' (*Pacific Encounters - Art & Divinity in Polynesia 1760-1860*, Sainsbury Century for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia, Norwich, 2006, p. 241)

A unique Fijian necklace in the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Cambridge (no. Z2752) is composed of multiple figurines and pendants. Almost identical to the work presented here, all of the figurines have large round heads with a squared nose, slit mouth, diminutive arms, a slightly raised vaginal area and straight legs with feet pointing downward with incisions made to imitate toes. In addition, each figurine, like the work presented here, has been pierced through on the back of their heads for suspension, and each have darker honey patina on their backs than on their fronts as a result of years of contact with the Fijian person, presumably of significant status in order to have the opportunity to wear such a magnificent work of art.

Cf. Hooper, Steven, *Pacific Encounters - Art & Divinity in Polynesia 1760-1860*, Sainsbury Century for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia, Norwich, 2006, fig. 233

Cf. Hooper, Steven, *Fiji - Art & Life in the Pacific*, Sainsbury Research Center for the Arts of Africa, Oceania & the Americas, Norwich, 2016, fig. 41

US\$200,000 - 300,000
€160,000 - 250,000



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GOD IMAGE, PROBABLY RAPA ITI, CENTRAL POLYNESIA

ti'i

Basalt

height 8 1/4in (21cm)

Provenance

Bengt Danielsson, Papeete, Tahiti (6 July 1921 – 4 July 1997), Swedish anthropologist and a crew member on the *Kon-Tiki* raft expedition from South America to French Polynesia in 1947
James Malone, Honolulu, acquired from the above in the 1960s
Acquired from the above by the present owner

A mineral analysis report from the University of Hawaii accompanies the work.

Robert D. Craig notes, "There seems to be a natural inclination among humans to fashion images of gods and goddesses from

earthly materials. Most cultures have left some physical form of them--ranging from the small fertility goddesses made out of clay by the early Sumerians to the highly carved statues later left by the artists in Egypt and India. Polynesians were no exception. Some Polynesians, however, did not give much importance to god images--Tongans and Samoans, for example--and, as a result, fewer images from these islands have survived. Despite the fact that early nineteenth-century Christian missionaries destroyed as many of these as they could, some managed to endure.[. . .]

Most likely the oldest of the Polynesian gods were simple upright stones, unworked by human hands, or perhaps they were slightly incised to give them a more supernatural quality." (*Handbook of Polynesian Mythology*, ABC-CLIO, 2004, p. 116)

US\$8,000 - 12,000

€6,600 - 9,800

311 Y

RARE FISHING LURE, TONGA ISLANDS

Sperm whale tooth (*Physeter macrocephalus*), marine turtle (*Chelonioidae*), inner shell of a bivalve mollusk shell, sennit cordage
length 6 1/2in (16.5cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, Nantucket, Massachusetts
American Private Collection

This exceedingly rare example is of the type considered to be the most pivotal technological achievement in the corpus of Polynesian hook making.

US\$12,000 - 18,000
€9,800 - 15,000

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SQUID/OCTOPUS LURE, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

leho he'e

Cowrie shell, stone, wood, fiber, bone
length 9 1/4in (23.5cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, New York

US\$4,000 - 6,000
€3,300 - 4,900

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**BOWL, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS
TOGETHER WITH A RARE ROYAL HAWAIIAN BAND ENAMEL
PIN AND METAL BRACELET**
Wood (probably kou)
diameter of bowl 6in (15.3cm)

Provenance
David V. Pokipala, Hawai'i
Private Collection, Hawai'i

This bowl is finely hand carved with natural knots among a fine, varied light-honey and dark-brown surface.

US\$2,000 - 3,000
€1,600 - 2,500





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FINE FOOD BOWL, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

pohaku ku'i poi

Wood (probably kou)

diameter 9 1/2in (24.2cm)

Provenance

Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole (1871-1922), prince of the Kingdom of Hawai'i until it was overthrown by a coalition of American and European businessmen in 1893

Private Collection, Hawaii

Finely hand carved with the flat, thick bottom gradually curving outwards and tapering inwards at the top with thin edges; fine, varied light and dark-brown surface.

US\$3,000 - 5,000

€2,500 - 4,100

315^Y

SUPERB HOOK NECKLACE, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

lei nihoa palao

Whale tooth with braided hair

length 9 1/2in (24.1cm)

length of hook 4 1/4in (11.5cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, Kailua, Kona

‘Hawaii is the most isolated archipelago on Earth. It is astonishing that Polynesian explorers in double-hulled canoes--lashed together with coconut fiber and propelled by sails of woven mats--discovered and settled these islands roughly a thousand years ago. They came upon a verdant island chain with a subtropical climate, rich soils, and abundant natural resources. Nurtured by this salubrious environment, their descendants multiplied, founding an island civilization that remained unknown to the rest of the world. Independently of what was happening in China or Japan, in Mesoamerica, or in Europe, the Hawaiian people constructed their own unique history.

This island civilization in many respects mirrored early states that arose in other favorable zones in both the Old World and New. From a small founding population, over the course of several centuries a hierarchical society emerged, supported by a robust agricultural economy. A distinct class of chiefs depended on and managed a vast population of farming and fishing commoners. An elaborate system of rules and obligations--the *kapu* system--governed the relationships between the chiefs and the people. At the pinnacle of society were the island rulers, *ali'i akua* (literally, “god-kings”), whose prerogatives included royal incest and human sacrifice. In these practices, the Hawaiian kings resembled the pharaohs of Egypt and the Inca of Peru. Yet Hawaiian culture arose entirely independently in this most remote, most isolated of all places on Earth.’

Patrick Vinton Kirch, PhD

A Shark Going Inland is My Chief - The Island Civilization of Ancient Hawai'i, University of California Press, Ltd., 2012, p. XI

In the early nineteenth century, whalers and traders began to supply sperm whale teeth and walrus tusks allowing artists to create impressive versions of the old, smaller versions of the hook-shaped pendants. Most likely made for and worn by an *ali'i*, these larger versions are considered the most spectacular of all Hawaiian ornaments. The present work on offer is a particularly large and handsome example, with a pierced hook-shaped pendant with superb, honey-brown patina, attached to a bundle of finely woven, eight-ply hair. The bundle is bound with a series of individual eight-ply hair bindings, each tied in a knot on the back, and two fiber bindings on each side.

US\$45,000 - 65,000

€37,000 - 53,000



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RARE SWORD, KIRIBATI ISLANDS

Wood, shark teeth (*Carcharhinus longimanu*),
fiber, tapa, human hair
length 34 1/2in (87.7cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, London
Acquired from the above by the present
owner

The Kiribati warriors were particularly well-known for their elaborate weapons edged with shark teeth barbs. These weapons must not only have been threatening in appearance, but certainly quite lethal in battle.

US\$2,000 - 3,000
€1,600 - 2,500

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MALE AND FEMALE FIGURES, YAP ISLAND, CAROLINE ISLANDS

Wood, pigment
height approximately 11 13/16in (30cm)

Provenance

Mathew Hickey, Marietta, Pennsylvania
Bonhams, New York, 15 May 2008, Lot 565
Private Collection, Switzerland

US\$3,000 - 5,000
€2,500 - 4,100



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**AMULET FIGURE, EAST SEPIK OR
MADANG PROVINCE, COASTAL REGION,
PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Wood, pigments
height 13 3/8in (34cm)

Provenance

Marcel Florin Collection, Belgium
Private Collection, Switzerland

US\$4,000 - 6,000
€3,300 - 4,900

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PROPERTY FROM THE COLLECTION OF ANTONIO ONRUBIA

There are multiple reasons that move us towards a discovery of the significant weight of the singular and expressive strength in primitive art. The impact of its disconcerting presence and the immeasurable distance it has travelled to reach us in the future impart a need to interpret the purpose of its gestures, the need to know more about such remote symbolisms and a genuine thrill that will end up shaping an eternal passion for this art.

Its scholars and aficionados converge on this art from many different angles. Often, after experiencing a previous and powerful closeness to other areas of the world of art, the creative sincerity of primitive art, its anonymous creators and the fact that it has always been present in the diametrically opposite social valuation of our artistic surroundings, become truly captivating.

Their works are therefore not grounded so much in excellence, which they have, but effectiveness. Created in settings free from the influences of classic cannons of beauty, their scope is undoubtedly far from the realm of the exaltation of art for art's sake.

This is precisely why its interesting and transgressive qualities connected at a propitious time with the artistic avant-garde at the beginning of the 20th century, who adopted many of its proposals as their own. Primitive art also impelled them to make substantial changes to their concepts of visual impact, volume and perspective and were, in parallel, bearers of codes that shared an affinity with the conceptual search for new art movements, which were gestating in the art present at that time. [. . .]

So we will move on then to the contemplation of the works, because as André Breton would say in one of his pointed phrases, "only the marvelous . . . is beautiful!"

Antonio Onrubia
The Diversity of Forms – African and Oceanic Art,
Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, Preface,
pp. 5-6



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**ANCESTOR FIGURE, BIAK ISLAND,
CENDERWASH BAY, IRIAN JAYA**

Korwar

Wood

height 9 1/2in (24cm)

Provenance

Leo and Lillian Fortess, Honolulu
Norman Hurst Gallery, Cambridge,
Massachusetts

Anthony J.P. Meyer, Paris

Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Hurst, Norman, *Art and Artifacts of
Melanesia*, Hurst Gallery, Cambridge, MA,
1992, fig. 52

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las
Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L.,
Barcelona, 2016, fig. 242

Exhibited

Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu,
*Selections of Pacific Art from the Collection
of Leo and Lillian Fortess*, June 20-October
1, 1989, no. 28

The traditional art from the people of Cenderwash Bay can be defined as *korwar* art. Christian Kaufmann notes, "The principal form consists of large-headed figures, usually in a squatting position. This form can be categorized as an evocation of ancestors, and has a multitude of variants." (*Oceanic Art*, Harry Abrams, New York, 1997, p. 608)

"The term *korwar* means "soul of the dead." *Korwar* figures were activated by calling upon the soul or spirit of the deceased to enter the figure. They were used to ensure success in hunting and fishing, to give protection in maritime travel and warfare, and to cure sick people. On the other hand, they were also used in sorcery practices to cause illness and death." (Friede, John, *New Guinea Art - Masterpieces from the Jolika Collection of Marcia and John Friede*, Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco, 2015, p. 178)

US\$25,000 - 35,000

€21,000 - 29,000

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**FIGURAL AMULET, MIDDLE SEPIK
RIVER, EAST SEPIK PROVINCE, PAPUA
NEW GUINEA**

djimur

Wood

height 7 7/8in (20cm)

Provenance

Field collected by a German missionary, ca.
1900

German Private Collection

Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las
Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L.,
Barcelona, 2016, fig. 262

US\$2,500 - 3,500

€2,100 - 2,900



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**YASIN CANOE PROW ORNAMENT
MASK, MIDDLE SEPIK RIVER, EAST
SEPIK PROVINCE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

kaminimbit (canoe prow)

Wood, pigments

height 13 1/4in (33.5cm)

Provenance

Peter Kohler Collection, Ascona, Switzerland

Patrick Fröhlich, Zurich

Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Museum Fodor, *Kunst uit Nieuw Guinea*,
Collection Peter Kohler, Amsterdam, 1963,
fig. 195

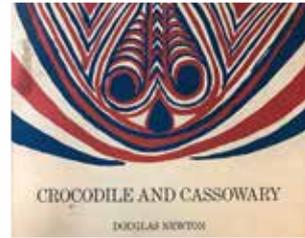
Newton, Douglas, *Crocodile and Cassowary
- Religious Art of the upper Sepik River*, The
Museum of Primitive Art, New York, 1971,
fig. 185

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las
Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L.,
Barcelona, 2016, fig. 256

Exhibited

Museum Fodor, Amsterdam, *Kunst uit Nieuw
Guinea*, *Collection Peter Kohler*, 22 - 30 June
1963

US\$12,000 - 18,000
€9,800 - 15,000



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**URAMA ISLAND BULLROARER, PAPUAN
GULF, PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

kaiaimunu

Wood, kaolin

height 20 1/4in (51.5cm)

Provenance

Thomas Schultze-Westrum, Munich,
acquired 15 April 1966 ("393" handwritten
on reverse)

John and Marcia Friede Collection, Rye,
New York

Michael Hamson, Palos Verdes, California
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las
Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L.,
Barcelona, 2016, fig. 263

US\$3,000 - 5,000

€2,500 - 4,100



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RARE CANOE PROW, MAWESDAI VILLAGE, WALCKENAER BAY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Wood

height 10 3/8in (26.5cm)

length 16 3/8in (41.5cm)

Provenance

Todd Barlin, Sydney

Anthony JP. Meyer, Paris, acquired from the above in 1991

Antonio Casanovas, Madrid

Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

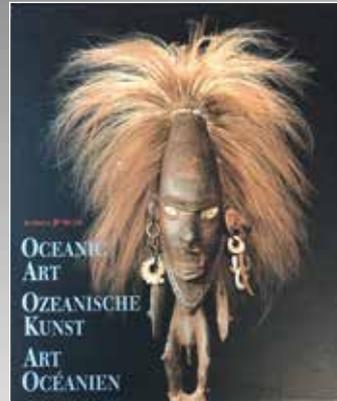
Published

Meyer, Anthony JP., *Oceanic Art*, Vol.I, Könemann

Verlagsgesellschaft, mbH, Köln, 1995, p. 62

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo

Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016



According to Meyer (Ibid., p. 63), "The large hooked nose is consistent with the art of the area extending from the Mamberamo River to Humbolt Bay. The designs on the side of the prow seem to represent fish, possibly a manta ray." The figurehead, with a large, hooked nose most likely represents an ancestral figure positioned at the stern to ward off any malevolent spirits. Carved in light wood with aged, weathered surface, the left panel lost presumably in situ.

US\$25,000 - 35,000

€21,000 - 29,000



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HOOK FIGURE, RAMU RIVER, MADANG PROVINCE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

tsambun

Wood, cowrie shells
height 24 5/8in (62.5cm)

Provenance

Gustav Umlauff, Hamburg, 1930s
Julius August Konietzko, Hamburg
Guy Loudmer, Drouot-Richelieu, Paris, 7-9 December 1991, Lot 168
Michel Gaud Collection, Saint Tropez
Eduardo Uhart, Santiago, Chile and Paris
Christine Valluet, Paris
Joris Visser, Brussels
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Arts d'Afrique Noire, Winter 2003, no. 128, p. 29
Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 261

Depicting the *waken* ancestral figure, hook like these "were used to hang carrying bags and baskets with food away from rats. Bunches of beetle nuts, clothes, tools, drums, and flutes were also suspended. Spirits or mythical beings associated with specific clans were portrayed. Known by name, the hooks were given offerings of food and were expected to have a positive influence on the food supply." (Friede, John, *New Guinea Art - Masterpieces from the Jolika Collection of Marcia and John Friede*, Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco, 2015, p. 124)

US\$25,000 - 35,000
€21,000 - 29,000

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BETEL NUT MORTAR, MANAM ISLAND, BISMARCK SEA, MADANG PROVINCE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

dap dap

Wood, lime
height 4 7/8in (12.5cm)

Provenance

Peter Hallinan Collection, Brisbane, Australia
Anthony J.P. Meyer, Paris, 1991
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 258

US\$2,500 - 3,500
€2,100 - 2,900



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CEREMONIAL DAGGER, ADMIRALTY ISLANDS, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

kurt

Obsidian, wood, nut paste, pigments
length 11 1/8in (28.2cm)

Provenance

Possibly Thomas Schultz-Westrum Collection, Munich, 1960 (handwritten collection label: "Admiraltät Inseln Pazific")
Nelly van den Abbeele Collection, Brussels
Christie's, Amsterdam, 24 May 2000, Lot 207
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 266

US\$2,000 - 3,000

€1,600 - 2,500

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FINE HEADREST, TONGA ISLANDS

kali

Wood, fiber

length 14 1/2in (37cm)

Provenance

Pierre Verité Collection, Paris

Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las*

Formas, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L.,

Barcelona, 2016, fig. 268

US\$3,000 - 5,000

€2,500 - 4,100



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CEREMONIAL PADDLE, AUSTRAL ISLANDS

hoe

Wood

length 35 3/4in (91cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, Paris (handwritten inv. no. "L.P. #831)

Christine Valluet, Paris

Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 270

US\$4,000 - 6,000

€3,300 - 4,900

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TELLEM FIGURE, MALI

Wood, ritual patination

height 18in (45.5cm)

Provenance

Herbert Baker Collection, Chicago/Los Angeles

Dr. Victor Rosen Collection, Beverly Hills

David De Roche, San Francisco

Paul Rossi Collection, New York

Joshua Dimondstein, Los Angeles

Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Newton, Douglas, *The Herbert Baker Collection*, Museum of Primitive Art, New York, 1969, fig. 157

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 58

In this slender figure the hands extend high above the head, a gesture seen throughout Dogon art, the most common interpretation being a prayer for rain. Kate Ezra notes, "Pleas for rain are made not only at the andugo altars, but also at altars dedicated to a family's ancestors, the *binu*, and Lebe. All of these altars are the focus of one of the most important Dogon rituals, called *bulu*, the same term that is also used in a general way for all sacrifices. *Bulu* takes place every year at the beginning of the planting season. At the climax of this ritual, the *hogon* and various *binu* priests climb the roofs of their sanctuaries and throw down to the assembled crowd heads of millet from sacred fields, which are to be used in planting that year's crop. A photograph of this ritual shows a priest flinging the grain with arms raised and outstretched (Ganay, Solange de, *Le Binou Yébéné*, *Miscellanea Africana* Lebaudy, no. 2, Paris, 1942, pl.IIIb). The same gesture that invokes the heavens to send down rain may also capture the motion that results in the other essential component of a good harvest--seeds impregnated with the life force of the ancestors and *binu*." (*Art of the Dogon: Selections from the Lester Wunderman Collection*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 1988, p. 59)

US\$20,000 - 30,000

€16,000 - 25,000





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DJENNE AMULET, MALI, 14TH-16TH CENTURY

bronze
height 2 3/4in (7cm)

Provenance

American Private Collection
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 61

US\$4,000 - 6,000
€3,300 - 4,900

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DOGON TINTAM FIGURE, MALI

yâ kamma
Wood, blackened patination
height 11in (27.8cm)

Provenance

Edouard Klejman, Paris
Beppe and Denise Berna Collection, Bologna
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 60

US\$5,000 - 7,000
€4,100 - 5,700



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LOBI FEMALE FIGURE, BURKINA FASO

thilbou kontin

Wood, ritual patination with encrustations
height 26 3/4in (68cm)

Provenance

F. Pujo, acquired in Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso

J.F. Ferrater Collection, Barcelona
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 68

US\$5,000 - 7,000

€4,100 - 5,700



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IJO FIGURAL CEREMONIAL SPOON, NIGERIA

Wood

height 14 3/4in (37.7cm)

Provenance

Ernst Winizki Collection, Zurich
Marceau Rivière, Paris
Sotheby's, New York, 5 May 1997, Lot 211
Patrick Fröhlich, Zurich
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 96

US\$2,500 - 3,500

€2,100 - 2,900

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EKET HEADCREST, NIGERIA

ogbom

Wood

height 15 3/4in (40cm)

Provenance

Gilbert and Roda Graham Collection, New York
Dorothy Brill Robbins Collection, New York
Robert Nooter Collection, New York
Valluet-Ferrandin, Paris
Joris Visser, Brussels
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Exhibited

Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, Massachusetts,
Assuming the Guise: African Masks, Considered and Reconsidered,
12 October 1991 - 1 March 1992

Published

Bach, Suzanne, *Assuming the Guise: African Masks, Considered and Reconsidered*, Williams College Museum of Art, Massachusetts, 1991, fig. 42
Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 102

Probably utilized for the *ogbom* plays in honor of *Ala*, the earth deity, due to the domed base being pierced with holes. "*Ogbom* was believed to make children plentiful. It was performed towards the middle of the year on every eighth day for eight weeks by each section of the village in turn. Each section had two carvings. Everyone joined in the dance, but only men wore the headdresses." (Murray, Kenneth C., *Masks and Headdress of Nigeria*, Zwemmer Gallery, London, 1949, no. 88)

With carefully designed janus faces on the lower section similarly carved as the singular face on the upper portion, separated by a columnar "neck" with multiple rings; black patina.

US\$10,000 - 15,000

€8,200 - 12,000

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WOBE MALE MASK, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Wood, kaolin, iron, aluminum, fibers
height 9 3/4in (25m)

Provenance

Michel Gaud Collection, Saint Tropez
Sotheby's, London, 29 November 1993, Lot 43
Galerie Ratton-Hourdé, Paris
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

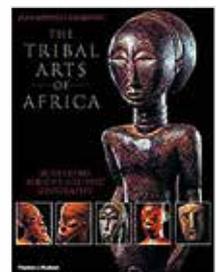
Published

Bacquart, Jean-Baptiste, *The Tribal Arts of Africa*, Thames and Hudson, New York, 1998, p. 44, fig. 6
Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 10

Carved in hard wood, thicker at the forehead and chin than behind the pierced eye slits, this mask displays classic Wobe characteristics

including the bulging, coffee-bean eyes, broad nose and prominent, rounded lips; kaolin remains over the eyes and three remaining metal teeth inset into the upper lip; a metal nail pierced into the underside of the chin to "ignite" its spiritual powers; a braided fiber coiffure accentuates the top; a central ridge divides the forehead; fine black encrusted patina.

US\$15,000 - 20,000
€12,000 - 16,000





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BANGWA MASK, CAMEROON

Wood

height 11 3/4in (30cm)

Provenance

Morton Dimondstein, Los Angeles, 1970s

Alain Bovis, Paris

Michel Dermigny, Paris

Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las*

Formas, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L.,

Barcelona, 2016, fig. 120

US\$5,000 - 7,000

€4,100 - 5,700

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**BAMILEKE TROPHY HEAD, GRASSLANDS REGION,
 CAMEROON**

atwonzen
 Fabric, tubular beads, cowrie shell, fiber
 height 6 1/4in (16cm)

Provenance

F. Pujol Collection, Barcelona
 Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 126

US\$3,000 - 5,000
€2,500 - 4,100

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BAMILEKE HEALING FIGURE, CAMEROON

mu 'po
 Wood
 height 9in (22.7cm)

Provenance

John and Marcia Friede Collection, Rye, New York
 Sotheby's, London, 21 June 1979, Lot 135
 Marc and Denyse Ginzberg Collection, New York
 Tambaran Gallery, New York
 Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Exhibited

Palacio Pimentel, Diputación de Valladolid, *Sonrisas de África*, 4 December 2008 to 6 January 2009, p. 11

Published

Sonrisas de África, Diputación de Valladolid, Valladolid, 2008, p. 11
 Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 123

William Fagg noted that the Bamileke artists "were among the great masters of the miniature, besides making some of the best of Africa's large sculptures. These small sculptures have a freedom of form and a marvellous exploration of movement which is found only in the grasslands of Cameroon." (*Miniature Wood Carvings of Africa*, New York Graphic Society, Ltd., New York, 1970, p. 47)

US\$15,000 - 20,000
€12,000 - 16,000



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**FANG-NTUMU CHIEF STAFF HANDLE,
EQUATORIAL GUINEA OR GABON**

ntum eyema

Wood, metal eyes, brass, black patina
height 12 3/4in (32.5cm)

Provenance

Dr. Robert and Helen Kuhn Collection, Los Angeles
Sotheby's, London, 25 June 1984, Lot 172
Galerie Valluet-Ferrandin, Paris
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 168

US\$18,000 - 22,000

€15,000 - 18,000

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**MBOLE MALE FIGURINE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

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Wood, kaolin, pigments

height 11 3/4in (30cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, New York

Sotheby's, New York, 4 May 1995, Lot 195

Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las*

Formas, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L.,

Barcelona, 2016, fig. 198

Carved fully standing in the position of hanging rather than standing, the head is large and enhanced on the top with a crest-like hairdo with a pierced hole in the top, a heart-shaped face has an expression of resigned sadness, with both the eyes and mouth indicated with pierced holes; the body narrow and elongated; the greater part of the figurine is blackened, in contrast with the face with faint remains of kaolin.

US\$5,000 - 7,000

€4,100 - 5,700



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**BENA LULUA PROTECTIVE MALE FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

mbulenga

Wood, kaolin, ritual pigmentation
height 10in (25.5cm)

Provenance

Tara Collection (J. Werner Gillon), London
Sotheby's, London, 15 July 1975, Lot 75
Private Collection, acquired at the above auction
Sotheby's, London, 25 June 1984, Lot 140
Private Collection, acquired at the above auction
Sotheby's, London, 21 June 1993, Lot 169
Galerie Ratton-Hourdé, Paris
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Fagg, William, *African Sculpture from the Tara Collection*, University of Notre Dame Art Gallery, South Bend, Indiana, 1971, fig. 11-4
Costa, Albert, *Africa. La Figura Imaginada*, Fundació La Caixa, Barcelona, 2004
Objectes amb ànima, Centre Cultural Caixa Terrasa, Terrasa, 2007, p. 35
Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 211

Exhibited

University of Notre Dame Art Gallery, South Bend, Indiana, *African Sculpture from the Tara Collection*, 28 March to 23 May 1971
Fundació La Caixa, Barcelona, *Africa. La Figura Imaginada*, 2004-2005
Centre Cultural Caixa Terrasa, *Objectes amb ànima*, 15 November 2007 to 6 January 2008

According to Fagg (Ibid. 1971, p. 17), "Mlle. Van Geluwe considers this smaller figure to belong rather to the category of *lupingu lwa luimper*, which similarly holds a receptacle for *mpemba* (kaolin) and is mainly used as a protective charm for a baby, though it is also considered to be a part-time repository for an ancestral spirit. These figures have continued to be made in the twentieth century, and many have been collected by Himmelheber and others, whereas it is said that the larger ones ceased to be made at the time when the tribe settled on the Luluwa river and took their present name; before that they were known as Baluba-Kasayi, but in art at least they are clearly distinguished from the true Baluba."

Of naturalistic form the present work is decorated with scar patterns creating a harmonious unity with form and decoration resulting in an essence of tranquility. The classic oversized head with a classic, central peak is rounded at the forehead, the face with large, trance-like eyes and a diminutive mouth; the neck of columnar form covered in scar pattern; the columnar arms bend at the elbows, parallel to the shoulders and lower torso; fine glossy black patina with encrustations.

US\$25,000 - 35,000
€21,000 - 29,000





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SUKU MALE FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

biteki

Wood, ritual patination

height 10 7/8in (27.5cm)

Provenance

Collection of the Pères Jésuites, Mission d'Heverlee
André Cauvin Collection, Brussels, acquired in the 1950s
Pierre Darteville, Brussels, 1970s
Philippe Guimiot, Paris
Armand Arman Collection, New York
Johann Levy, Paris
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Nicolas, Alain and Marianne Sourrieu, *Arman & l'Art Africain*, Musées de Marseille, Réunion des Musées Nationaux, 1996, fig. 172
Fundación Fco. Godia, *África. Colecciones Privadas de Barcelona*, Barcelona, fig. 51
Fundación Caixa de Girona, *Art Africà*, 2005, fig. 52
Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 212

Exhibited

Arman & l'Art Africain:

Musée d'Arts Africains, Océaniens, Amerindiens, Chapelle de la Vieille Charité, Marseille, 23 June - 30 October 1996;
Musée National des Arts d'Afrique et d'Océanie, Paris, 3 December 1996 - 17 February 1997;
Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum, Museum für Völkerkunde, Köln, 21 March - 27 July 1997;
New York, *African Faces, African Figures: The Arman Collection*, 9 October 1997 - 19 April 1998
Fundación Fco. Godia, Barcelona, *África. Colecciones Privadas de Barcelona*, 27 February - 30 June 2003
Fundación Caixa de Girona, Girona, *Art Africà*, 22 July - 18 September 2005

Of overall tense and powerful form, the figure stands firmly on proportionally large, broad feet with shortened legs bent at the knees, the torso bulging around at the midsection; the arms bent upwards at the elbow with the hands pointing towards the chin; the head with a deeply recessed ridge from the jaw to the back of the head; the protruding mouth below the upturned nose and large almond-shaped eyes with piercings at the pupils; fine glossy, patina with magically-charged patination.

US\$35,000 - 45,000

€29,000 - 37,000



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TEKE MALE FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

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Wood, ritual charge, fiber, pigments

height 17 ⁷/₈in (45.5cm)

Provenance

Robert Lehuard Collection, acquired in 1928

Raoul Lehuard Collection, Arnouville, France

Galerie Ratton-Hourdé, Paris

Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Exhibited

Galerie Ratton-Hourdé, Paris, *Téké, Collection de Robert et Raoul Lehuard*, June 1999

Fundación Fco. Godia, Barcelona, *Africa: Colecciones Privadas de Barcelona*, 27 February to 30 June 2003

Fundación Caixa de Girona, Girona, *Art Africa*, 22 July to 18 September 2005

Published

Lehuard, Raoul, *Statuaire du Stanley Pool*, Villiers le Bel, Paris, 1974, fig. 32

Lehuard, Raoul, *Les Arts Batéké*, Arnouville, 1996, fig. 2.1

Galerie Ratton-Hourdé, *Téké: Collection de Robert et Raoul Lehuard*, Paris, June 1999, p. 14

Fundación Fco. Godia, *Africa: Colecciones Privadas de Barcelona*, Barcelona, 2003, fig. 48

Arts d'Afrique Noire, no. 126, summer 2003, p. 18

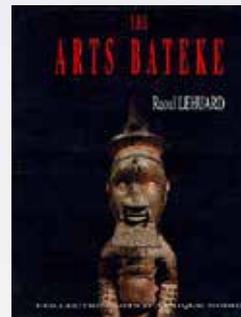
Fundación Caixa de Girona, *Art Africa*, Girona, 2005, fig. 49

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 177

The Teke live primarily in the savanna near Brazzaville and, like many cultures in Africa, utilized fetishes charged with magical substances. These fetish figures are compact and powerful and are generally sculpted in very cubistic, angular forms as represented in the present work on offer. The helmet-like headdress perches high above the coiffure, sitting at an angle with a central crest; the face is incised linearly with a trapezoidal beard; the large cylindrical neck rests on the shoulder shelf; the arms, diminutive in scale, rest against the torso and are bent upwards at the elbows. A bundle of ritual charge covers the entire front of the torso with a downward projecting extended navel; varied dark and light-brown patina with encrustations.

US\$30,000 - 40,000

€25,000 - 33,000





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**KUBA PALM WINE CUP, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

Wood

height 5 1/2in (13.8cm)

Provenance

John Hewitt, Ashford (Kent) and London
Christie's, Paris, 10 December 2003, Lot 151
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las
Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L.,
Barcelona, 2016, fig. 205

US\$3,000 - 5,000

€2,500 - 4,100



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**HEMBA MASQUETTE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

soko mutu

Wood

height 6 1/2in (16.5cm)

Provenance

Udo Horstmann Collection, Zurich

Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las*

Formas, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L.,

Barcelona, 2016, fig. 190

US\$3,000 - 5,000

€2,500 - 4,100



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YOMBE INITIATION RATTLE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

ntafu maluangu
Wood, blackened patina
height 8 7/8in (23.5cm)

Provenance

Marcel Rivière, Paris
Marcel White Collection, United States
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 173

Depicting the first male initiates *matundu* and *malanda*

US\$4,000 - 6,000
€3,300 - 4,900



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LWENA PRESTIGE STAFF, ANGOLA

mbweci
Wood, pigments
height 13 (30.5cm)

Provenance

Robert Dowling, San Francisco
Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 218

US\$2,000 - 3,000
€1,600 - 2,500



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TSHOKWE MASK, ANGOLA

mwana pwo

Wood, pigments

height 8 5/8in (22cm)

Provenance

Charles Rattou, Paris

Lionel Adenis, Paris

J.M. Ferrater Collection, Barcelona

Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo

Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 215

Marie-Louise Bastin notes that "the feminine mask *mwana pwo* and its male counterpart, *chihongo*, are noble masks, worn together

by men in dances which magically bring fertility and prosperity to the village. The male mask represents the spirit of power and wealth, while the female recalls the ancestress. The *pwo* performer is dressed like a woman, and he dances elegantly and gracefully, showing the women of the village the value of graciousness and good manners." (*Introduction aux arts d'Afrique Noire*, University of Brussels Press, 1984, pp. 212-14).

The elegance and grace that the dancer would have expressed in his dance are in harmony with the delicate features and proportions we find in this mask, including the finely incised raised scarification dividing the coiffure from the slightly rounded forehead; the delicately curved eyebrows reflecting the raised cheekbones below; glossy light and dark-brown patina.

US\$15,000 - 20,000

€12,000 - 16,000



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**NGONI CEREMONIAL STAFF-SPOON,
TANZANIA**

Wood

height 29in (73.7cm)

Provenance

David Serra, Barcelona

Antonio Onrubia Collection, Barcelona

Published

Onrubia, Antonio, *La Diversidad de las Formas*, Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.L., Barcelona, 2016, fig. 159

US\$3,000 - 5,000

€2,500 - 4,100

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BAMANA FEMALE FIGURE, MALI
Wood
height 13in (33cm)

Provenance
Laurent Leenhardt, Switzerland
Private Collection, Switzerland

US\$2,500 - 3,500
€2,100 - 2,900



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MOSSI SEATED FIGURE, BURKINA FASO
Wood, metal
height 11 1/2in (29cm)

Provenance
Charles M. Miller, III, St. James, New York

US\$2,000 - 3,000
€1,600 - 2,500

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**MONUMENTAL MOSSI MASK WITH STANDING FIGURE,
BURKINA FASO**

karanada/karan-wemba

Wood

height 55 1/2in (141cm)

Provenance

Henri Kamer, Paris/New York

Beverly Niemiec Collection, Santa Barbara

Thence by descent

Published and Exhibited

Kamer, Henri, *Haute-Volta*, Brussels, 5-23 September 1973, fig. 53

According to Kamer (Ibid.), "*Karanada* is the rarest and most important mask of the Mossis of Yatenga."

Cf. Roy, Christopher, *Art of the Upper Volta Rivers*, Alain and François Chaffin, Paris, 1987, figs. 87-90

US\$12,000 - 18,000

€9,800 - 15,000



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DOGON ZOOMORPHIC FIGURE, MALI

Wood, ritual patination
length 13in (33cm)

Provenance

Marcel de Schryver, Switzerland
Dominik Remondino, Switzerland
Charles-Edouard Duflon, Geneva
Private Collection, Switzerland

US\$5,000 - 7,000

€4,100 - 5,700



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GAN FELINE FIGURE, BURKINA FASO

Bronze

height 6 1/2in (16.5cm)

Provenance

M. & J. Muller, Les Peyrolliers, Geneva
Private Collection, Switzerland

US\$3,000 - 5,000

€2,500 - 4,100



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**LARGE MOSSI ANTHROPOMORPHIC FLUTE/WHISTLE,
HOUNDE REGION, BURKINA FASO**

Wood

height 30 3/4in (78.1cm)

The long columnar shaft with abstract “arms” carved away from the “body”; fine, dark-brown patina.

Provenance

Private New England Collection

US\$1,000 - 1,500

€820 - 1,200

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RARE MOSSI/BOBO MALE FIGURE, BURKINA FASO

ninana

Wood, ritual patination

height 13 1/4in (33cm)

Provenance

Pierre Loeb, Paris

Bernard Dulon, Paris

Dominik Remondino Collection, Switzerland

Charles-Edouard Dufion, Geneva

Private Collection, Switzerland

Christopher Roy notes, “The Mossi produce several types of figures, including wooden figures that are used in burials, where they replace the corpse of the deceased chief. Smaller wooden figures are used in village ceremonies that honor the chief.[. . .]

In contrast to masks, which are used by the *Tengabisi* in family religious ceremonies, figures are used by the *Nakomsé* in a political context, as visual affirmations of the *nam* or right to rule of the *Naba*. In some contexts the role of figures is similar to that of masks.

Mossi figures are carved from a single piece of wood, and range in height from 40 to 100cm. The most notable style characteristics are an attenuated, cylindrical torso, arms extended rigidly at the sides with forearms parallel to the thighs.[. . .] The sex is usually clearly indicated. Most figures that survive in collections are female.[. . .]

[. . .] it is quite common to find Mossi figures misattributed to other groups, because there are marked similarities between the Mossi style and the style of their Mandé neighbors, the Bamana and the Bobo, as well as other groups in Burkina Faso. In addition, there is a lack of style homogeneity in Mossi figure sculpture, and objects by two artists in neighboring villages may vary greatly in form.[. . .]

It is important to remember that not all Mossi figures are female, and so may lack the sagittal crest that is too often used as the sole basis for attribution to the Mossi. Although male Mossi figures are rare outside Burkina, they are not unknown. For example, there is a male/female pair in the White collection in Seattle.”(*The Art of the Upper Volta Rivers*, Alain and Françoise Chaffin, Paris, 1987, pp. 152-162)

Carved of dense wood, the figure presented here is in an animated stance with his legs slightly bent at the knees, the arms are extended at the sides and run parallel to the thighs, the cylindrical torso below broad, squared shoulders supporting a cylindrical neck below the head with a face of narrow form with pierced eyes, bordered by raised crescent form ears and a sagittal crest on top; incised linear designs accentuate the chest, torso and legs; heavily-aged, gray-brown patina with areas of oil saturation.

US\$20,000 - 30,000

€16,000 - 25,000

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DAN FETISH MASK, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

gunye ge

Wood, metal, fiber coiffure, ritual patination
height 10 1/2in (26.7cm)

Provenance

Charles M. Miller, III, St. James, New York

US\$3,000 - 5,000

€2,500 - 4,100

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**GOLA (DINH/DEI) HELMET MASK,
LIBERIA**

Wood, silver, metal

height 16in (40.7cm)

Provenance

Charles M. Miller, III, St. James, New York

Carved in light wood, deeply hollowed with a five-part sagittal crest above a coiffure incised with linear and geometric designs; a steeply angled border at the top of the face with three silver threads set in on each side; another four silver threads set into the raised scarification on the forehead; black patina with areas worn through on the surface.

US\$5,000 - 7,000

€4,100 - 5,700

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SENUFO BIRD-FORM HEDDLE PULLEY,
CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Wood
 height 7in (17.8cm)

Provenance

Emil Storrer Collection, Zurich (ES/37 on underside of base)
 Egon Guenther Family Collection, Johannesburg, (EG on underside of base) acquired from the above in 1971
 Sotheby's, *African Art from the Egon Guenther Family Collection*, New York, 18 November 2000, lot 24
 Private Collection, New York

US\$3,000 - 5,000
€2,500 - 4,100



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SENUFO BIRD-FORM HEDDLE PULLEY,
CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Wood
 height 6in (15.3cm)

Provenance

Charles M. Miller, III, St. James, New York

US\$3,000 - 5,000
€2,500 - 4,100

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GROUP OF FIVE PASSPORT MASKS,
ONE TOMA THE OTHERS FROM
THE DAN COMPLEX, LIBERIA/CÔTE
D'IVOIRE

Wood, metal, fiber shell, ritual patination
 heights 4 1/4 - 9 3/4in (10.7 - 24.7cm)

Provenance

Charles M. Miller, III, St. James, New York

US\$3,000 - 5,000
€2,500 - 4,100



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**SENUFO FEMALE FIGURE, CÔTE
D'IVOIRE**

Wood

height 14 3/16in (36cm)

Provenance

Daniel Hourdé, Paris

Maison de la Chimie, Paris, *The Hubert*

Goldet Collection, 30 June - 1 July 2001,

Lot 196

Private Collection, Switzerland

US\$6,000 - 8,000

€4,900 - 6,600

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**SENUFO FEMALE FIGURE, CENTRAL
REGION, CÔTE D'IVOIRE**

tugubele

Wood

height 17in (48cm)

Provenance

Michel Gaud, Saint Tropez

Olivier Castellano, Paris

Belgian Private Collection

In discussing the style of the central region, Robert Goldwater notes, "In profile there is the repetitive forward thrust of the coiffure, jaw, breasts, belly, knees and feet against the strong axis of the back, a manner of composition which is to be found, with variations, in other areas as well. More particular to the central region is the sense of slenderness that goes with these thrusting forms, and that is especially evident in the upper arms from which the rings of ornamental bracelets stand out. Characteristic, too, is the elliptically outlined headdress, finishing at the front with an upward reverse twist." (*Senufo - Sculpture from West Africa*, The Museum of Primitive Art, New York, 1964, p. 25)

Cf. (Ibid.) figures 109-114

US\$12,000 - 18,000

€9,800 - 15,000



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SENUFO FIGURE, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

deble

Wood

height 33 1/8in (84cm)

Provenance

Georges Vidal, Cannes
Belgian Private Collection

US\$6,000 - 8,000

€4,900 - 6,600

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BAULE MONKEY, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

gbèkré

Wood, ritual patination

height 22 3/4in (60.5cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, Côte D'Ivoire

Belgian Private Collection

Baule trance diviners own standing monkeys as receptacles for spirits called *mbra* that are believed to enter the diviner during trances. Owning a *gbèkré* enhances the diviner's reputation. The present work is in the classic form which typically exhibits much tension and power, the legs are bent and the knees pointed, the egg cup held at the front of the chest with both hands, the rounded head with long mouth with squared jaw line, slightly open to reveal the rows of sharp teeth; encrusted throughout.

US\$8,000 - 12,000

€6,600 - 9,800



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**BAULE MALE FIGURE, CÔTE D'IVOIRE
BASE SIGNED BY INAGAKI**

blolo blan

Wood, beads

height 15 15/16in (40.5cm)

Provenance

Josef Mueller Collection, Switzerland

Charles-Edouard Duflon, Geneva

Private Collection, Switzerland

Exhibited

Geneva, *Ethnographie à Genève*, Bank

Lombard Odier, 2010

Organized by Boris Wastiau, Director of the Musée d'ethnographie de Genève and the patrons of the museum, this was a special exhibition to encourage Swiss people to vote in favor of building the new museum.

The figure stands firmly on his feet with long, finger-like toes on a two-tiered rounded base; the legs slightly bent at the knees and the hands with long fingers rest on the abdomen; his eyes slightly downcast in a pensive state; an elaborate, finely incised coiffure with four rows of braided elements in a chevron pattern above each ear; raised tattoos throughout including on the face, neck and torso on the front and back; dark-brown patina with encrustations.

US\$12,000 - 18,000

€9,800 - 15,000



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ASHANTE/ASHANTI COMB, GHANA

Wood

height 10 1/8in (25.7cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, California

Cf. The William W. Brill Collection of African Art, Sotheby's, New York, 17 November 2006, Lot 148

US\$4,000 - 6,000

€3,300 - 4,900



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MUMUYE FIGURE, NIGERIA

Wood

height 25 3/4in (65.5cm)

Provenance

John J. Klejman, New York
Bradley Tribal Arts, New York
Albert Bruce Connor, New York, acquired
from the above in 2007
Thence by descent

US\$5,000 - 7,000

€4,100 - 5,700

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PAIR OF KONKOMBA FIGURES, TOGO

Wood, pigments

heights 10 1/2 and 10 3/4in (26.7 and 27.3cm)

Provenance

Andrea Lindner, Munich
Dalton-Somaré, Milan
Belgian Private Collection

US\$1,500 - 2,000
€1,200 - 1,600



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**YORUBA PAIR OF MALE AND FEMALE
FIGURES, NORTHERN ABEOKUTA
STYLE, NIGERIA**

ibeji
Wood, beads
heights 8 7/8 and 9in (22.5 and 22.9cm)

Provenance
Charles M. Miller, III, St. James, New York

US\$2,000 - 3,000
€1,600 - 2,500



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OGONI MASK, NIGERIA

Wood, pigment, fiber
height 17in (43.2cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, New York

US\$3,000 - 5,000

€2,500 - 4,100

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**BAMILEKE ELEPHANT MASK,
CAMEROON**

tou poum

Beaded cloth

height 48in (122cm)

Provenance

Pace Primitive, New York

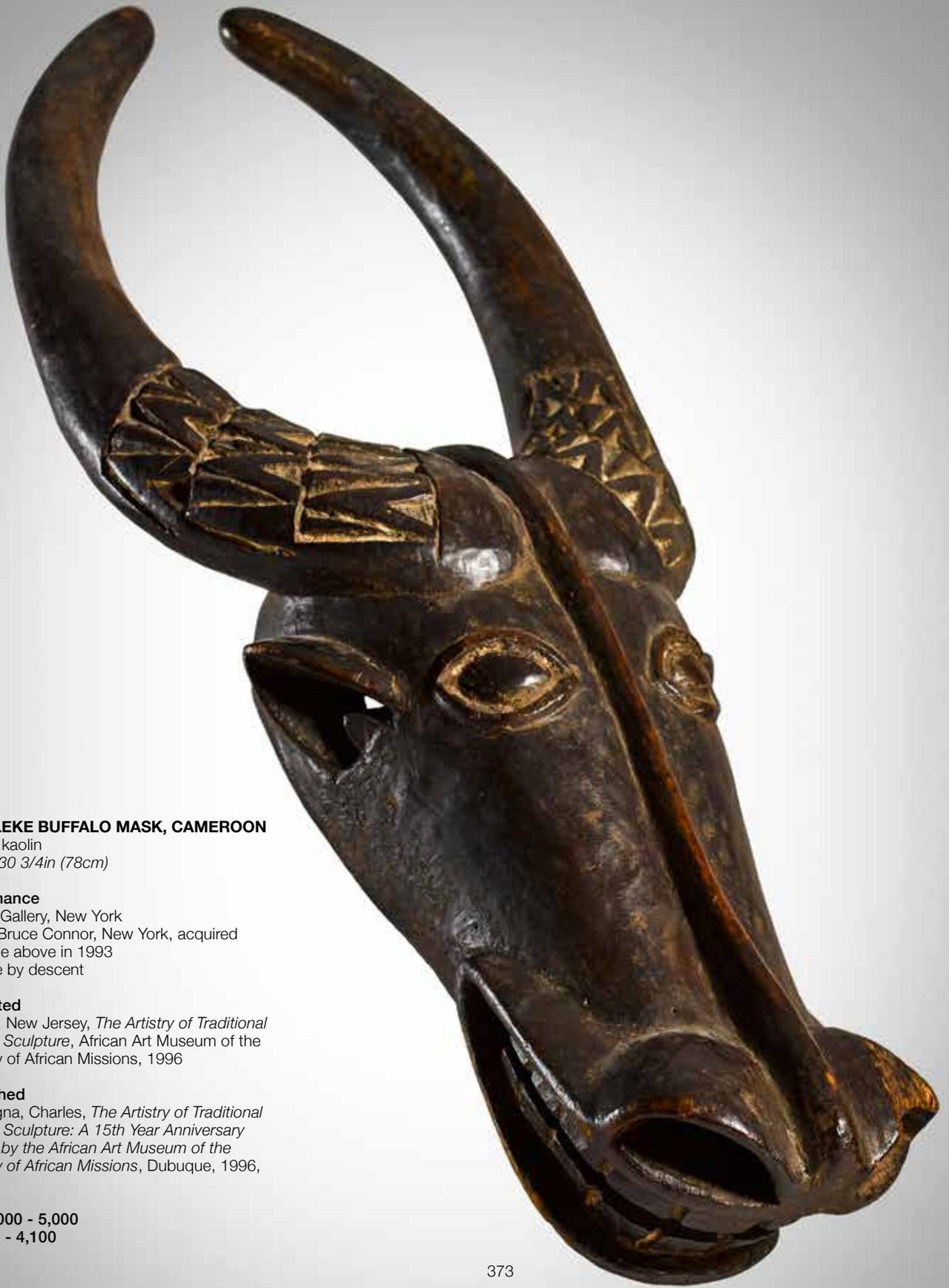
Beverly Niemiec Collection, Santa Barbara

Thence by descent

US\$3,000 - 5,000

€2,500 - 4,100

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BAMILEKE BUFFALO MASK, CAMEROON

Wood, kaolin
height 30 3/4in (78cm)

Provenance

Kahan Gallery, New York
Albert Bruce Connor, New York, acquired
from the above in 1993
Thence by descent

Exhibited

Tenafly, New Jersey, *The Artistry of Traditional African Sculpture*, African Art Museum of the Society of African Missions, 1996

Published

Bordogna, Charles, *The Artistry of Traditional African Sculpture: A 15th Year Anniversary Exhibit by the African Art Museum of the Society of African Missions*, Dubuque, 1996, fig. 80

US\$3,000 - 5,000
€2,500 - 4,100

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**MAHONGWE RELIQUARY FIGURE,
GABON**

bwete

Wood, metal, human bone

height 19 3/4in (50cm)

Provenance

Robert Duperrier, Paris, 1960

Private Collection, Germany

Belgian Private Collection

Of highly conceptualized form, this *bwete* has an elongated narrow and steeply pointed face with the eyes positioned below the half of the height. The forehead plate embossed with lozenges is bordered by horizontal copper strips, occasionally overlapping at the center. The neck is wrapped in copper wire (now loose). The reverse has a truncated conical bun with three ridges.

US\$15,000 - 25,000

€12,000 - 21,000

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**KOTA RELIQUARY FIGURE, PROBABLY
SHAMAYE GROUP, GABON**

boho na bwete

Wood, copper, brass, bone
height 17 3/4in (45cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, France
Belgian Private Collection

In this composition, the oval head with a flat plane creates an interesting contrast to the diamond-shaped core below; the head with a band that peaks at the summit and flares outwards below towards the bottom; the face with a raised forehead, circular bone eyes attached with a band of horizontal brass bands; the neck banded with copper and the upper portion of the diamond base applied with brass embossed with a linear design; dark-brown patina with old encrustations on the back of the head.

US\$12,000 - 18,000
€9,800 - 15,000



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FANG RELIQUARY HEAD, BETSI GROUP, GABON

byeri

Wood, metal tacks, fiber

height 12 1/4in (31cm)

Provenance

Maria and Paul Wyss Collection, Basel

Schweizer-Amsler Collection, Switzerland

Charles-Edouard Duflon, Geneva

Private Collection, Switzerland

Louis Perrois and Marta Sierra Delage (*The Art of Equatorial Guinea - The Fang Tribes*, Rizzoli International Publications, New York, 1990, p. 10) note that 'Fang art is essentially based on statues for ancestor worship and masks for initiation rite ceremonies. By corollary, a whole decorative art form grew up around these objects.

The sole theme in Fang ritual statues (all of them intermingled "tribes") is the "ancestor in meditation." But for some very rare and almost marginal exceptions, all known objects are of persons depicted naked, both male and female, in pensive attitudes[. . .]'

Perrois and Delage continue (*ibid.*, p. 42-43), "The worship of the relics of the family's illustrious dead is widespread in the whole of Fang country, from South Cameroon to Gabon and continental Equatorial Guinea. It could be an autonomous worship within a lineage, or a part of a larger set of rites like those of the secret societies for example (the *So*, *Ngil*, *Schok*, etc.). It is characterized by the conservation of the relics of the group's notables, set aside after death in the graves (the skulls are kept above all, and often other bones for specific rites). Women are often elevated to the rank of ancestor of the *biéry*, especially very prolific mothers who become true heads despite their sex.[. . .]

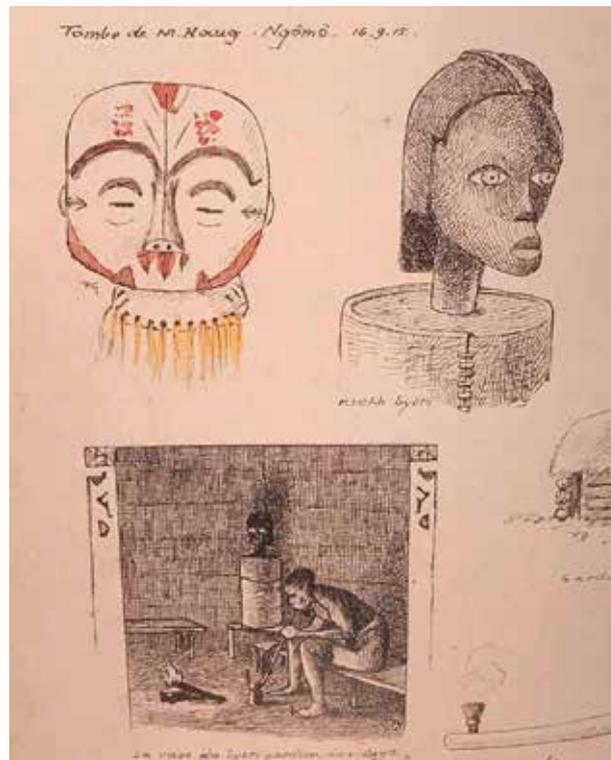
The *biéry* is consulted before any important undertaking: hunting, fishing, travel, choice of terrain for planting or a settlement, marriage, political alliance, disagreements or serious disputes, war, etc."

Resting on a long, cylindrical neck coming out of the reliquary lid, the present head on offer is finely sculpted with an inverted pyriform-shaped head displaying a concave face with a button nose above a wide, slit mouth, the eyes of two brass tacks bordered by arched, crescent-form ears and wearing a helmet-style coiffure with tresses; dark-brown patina with areas still exuding oil on the surface.

Cf. Savary, Claude and Louis Perrois, *Le Gabon de Fernand Grébert 1913-1932*, Musée d'Ethnographie, Geneva, Grébert Collection, p. 143, for a series of sketches which include two depictions of Fang *biéry* heads.

US\$100,000 - 150,000

€82,000 - 120,000





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**MINIATURE FANG NTUMU RELIQUARY
FIGURE, GABON**

eyema byeri

Wood, metal tacks

height 9 1/4in (23.5cm)

Provenance

Gerard Nordmann Collection, Switzerland

Laurent Leenhardt Collection, Switzerland

Charles-Edouard Dufon, Geneva

Private Collection, Switzerland

Exhibited

Geneva, *Ethnographie à Genève*, Bank

Lombard Odier, 2010

Organized by Boris Wastiau, Director of the Musée d'ethnographie de Genève and the patrons of the museum, this was a special exhibition to encourage Swiss people to vote in favor of building the new museum.

Sitting upright with long cylindrical torso, muscular chest and arms with hands resting on the chest in front, the figure wears a tripartite coiffure with the central sagittal element running almost all the way down the back, the eyes and navel inset with metal tacks; glossy light-brown patina.

Cf. Pierre Guerre Collection, Loudmer, Paris, 20 June 1996, lot 64 for a similar *eyema byeri* figurine.

US\$15,000 - 20,000

€12,000 - 16,000

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FANG RELIQUARY HEAD, GABON

byeri

Wood, ritual patination

height 13 3/4in (35cm)

Provenance

Gaston Durville Collection, Paris

Pierre Vérité Collection, Paris

European Private Collection

Belgian Private Collection

Sculpted in light wood, the coiffure with a central ridge and two braids on each side of the head; the heart-shaped face with crescent-form eyes, button nose and projecting squared mouth and jaw, all resting on a proportionally-large cylindrical neck; black patina.

US\$40,000 - 60,000

€33,000 - 49,000

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FANG MASK, GABON/CAMEROON

Wood, pigments
height 11 13/16in (30cm)

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Provenance

Private English Collection
Daniel Spoeri Collection, Switzerland
Charles-Edouard Duflon, Geneva
Private Collection, Switzerland

Probably representing a German colonial with long sideburns painted with brown pigment, the mask is deeply carved in very light wood with light brown patina.

US\$7,000 - 9,000
€5,700 - 7,400



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**YOMBE MASK, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF THE CONGO**

Wood, brass tacks, black pigment
height 9in (23cm)

Provenance

Lucien Van de Velde, Antwerp
Sotheby's, New York, 11 November 2005,
lot 106
Belgian Private Collection

US\$6,000 - 9,000
€4,900 - 7,400



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**KONGO POWER FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

nkisi nkondi

Wood, metal, glass, cloth, magical bundle
height 11 1/16 (28cm)

Provenance

J. P. Meira Collection, Lisbon, Portugal
Belgian Private Collection

US\$8,000 - 12,000
€6,600 - 9,800

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**KONGO NAIL FETISH FIGURE,
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE
CONGO**

nkisi nkondi

Wood, glass, nails, ritual oil

height 9in (23cm)

Provenance

Maurice Ratton, Paris

Jan Lundberg Collection, Malmö, Sweden

Belgian Private Collection

US\$10,000 - 15,000

€8,200 - 12,000



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**KONGO STAFF FINIAL, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

Wood, metal
height 7 1/8in (18cm)

Provenance

Christie's, Paris, June 2010, Lot 90
Belgian Private Collection

US\$6,000 - 8,000
€4,900 - 6,600

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**HUNGANA FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

wood

height 8 1/4in (21cm)

Provenance

Michael Teyn Collection, Copenhagen
Belgian Private Collection

US\$4,000 - 6,000

€3,300 - 4,900



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**TEKE FETISH FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

Wood, clay with presumably magical
substances

height 12 5/8in (32cm)

Provenance

Marcel de Schryver, Switzerland
Charles-Edouard Duflon, Geneva
Private Collection, Switzerland

Exhibited

Geneva, *Ethnographie à Genève*, Bank
Lombard Odier, 2010

Organized by Boris Wastiau, Director of the
Musée d'ethnographie de Genève and the
patrons of the museum, this was a special
exhibition to encourage Swiss people to vote
in favor of building the new museum.

Cf. Le musée du quai Branly - Jacques
Chirac, (inv. no. 71.1966.74.2) for a similar
Teke figure, possibly by the same hand.

US\$5,000 - 7,000
€4,100 - 5,700

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**TEKE FEMALE FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

Wood, pigment

Height 20 7/8in (53cm)

Provenance

Jan Lundberg Collection, Malmö, Sweden
Belgian Private Collection

US\$8,000 - 12,000

€6,600 - 9,800



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SUKU MASK, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

kakungu

Wood, raffia

height 28 1/4in (73cm)

Provenance

M. De Smet, Laakdal, Belgium, 1960s

Belgian Private Collection

According to Anne-Marie Bouttiaux, gigantic masks such as the work presented were “principally utilized in initiation contexts by the charm specialist (*visidika*) to insure the well-being of those coming to manhood. Commonly called *kakuungu*, such masks customarily appeared on the day of circumcision, the day of departure from the initiation camp, and occasionally for the breaking of food restrictions. Its appearance served to frighten young candidates into obedience and respect for their elders, and to threaten any person secretly harboring evil intentions against one of the initiates.” (*Masterpieces from Central Africa*, Royal Museum Tervuren, 1996, p. 155)

Cf. Musée du Quai Branly-Jacques Chirac, inv. no. 70.2005.21.2 for a similar mask formerly in the Jacques and Anne Kerchache Collection

US\$20,000 - 30,000

€16,000 - 25,000

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SUKU STANDING FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Wood

height 14 3/16in (36cm)

Provenance

Maria Wyss Collection, Switzerland

Adrian Bloom Collection, Switzerland

Charles-Edouard Dufion, Geneva

Private Collection, Switzerland

Exhibited

La Chaux-de-Fonds, Neuchâtel, Switzerland, 1970

US\$4,000 - 6,000

€3,300 - 4,900



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**KWESE HELMET MASK, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

Wood, kaolin, black, blue and orange/red
pigments
height 12 1/2in (32cm)

Provenance

Gallery De Ruimte-Eersel, The Netherlands
Pierre Darteville, Brussels
Belgian Private Collection

US\$8,000 - 12,000

€6,600 - 9,800

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**PENDE FIGURAL CANE/SCEPTER
ELEMENT, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
THE CONGO**

Wood
height approximately 7 7/8in (20cm)

Provenance

Marcel de Schryver Collection, Switzerland
Private Collection, Switzerland

Inventory no. "D909" in white ink on the base
and, in addition, an old label handwritten
in script on the underside of the base with
inventory no. "D909"

US\$1,500 - 2,000

€1,200 - 1,600



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**MBALA FIGURE OF A DRUMMER,
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE
CONGO**

Wood
height 10in (25.5cm)

Provenance

Michel Gaud, Saint Tropez, France
Belgian Private Collection

US\$6,000 - 9,000

€4,900 - 7,400

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**KUBA FEMALE FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

wood
height 17 1/2in (44cm)

Provenance

Francis Réveillard Collection
Belgian Private Collection

Christopher Roy notes on a similar female figure in the Stanley Collection, (*Art and Life in Africa - Selections from the Stanley Collection*, The University of Iowa Museum of Art, 1985, p. 146), 'Experts on the art of the area have attributed this figure to the northern Kuba of the Sankuru River area, and, more specifically, to the Shoowa. The hairstyle is certainly quite typical of the "Kuba" groups in the confluence area of the Kasai and Sankuru Rivers. Emil Torday describes the hairdressing of the ruling hierarchy of the Kuba: "The men shave the whole head, keeping on the top of the skull only a small tuft of hair just large enough to be hidden by the headdress; the temples and forehead are carefully shaved, but the line of implantation of the hair can nevertheless be distinguished and this line is indicated on the dolls and on the carvings . . ." (Torday, *Notes ethnographiques sur les peuplades apparentées appeles akubba ainsi que sur les peuplades apparentées les Bushong*, Brussels: Ministère des Colonies, 1910: 49, 169)

The Kuba tradition of carving "portraits" of *Nyim*, or kings, has been very well documented by Jan Vansina, Joseph Cornet, and others. Far less is known about female figures, however.

US\$15,000 - 25,000

€12,000 - 21,000



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RARE TOGBO COUPLE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Wood, cream and dark-brown pigments
heights 19 1/4 and 21in (49 and 53.4cm)

Provenance

German Colonial Collection
Werner Fischer Collection, Gelsenkirchen, Germany
Private Collection, Stuttgart
Pace Primitive, New York
Robert T. Wall Family Collection, Telluride, Colorado
Pace Primitive, New York
Albert Bruce Connor, New York, acquired from the above in 2010
Thence by descent

Located in the northwestern tip of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the focus of Togbo life is primarily hunting and defense, as well as practicing rituals and ancestral worship not unlike most African cultures. Sculpted in light, blond colored wood, these very unusual male and female ancestral figures each have large rounded heads with heart-shaped faces, large circular engraved eyes and diminutive open mouths. Each are voluminous in form with arms at the sides, large hands, and stand on proportionally small legs slightly bent at the knees.

US\$40,000 - 60,000

€33,000 - 49,000



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**NSAPO-NSAPO MALE POWER FIGURE,
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE
CONGO**

Wood, domesticated goat horn, fiber
height 7 1/8in (18cm)

Provenance

John Giltsoff, Girona
Pierre Loos, Brussels
Private Collection, Switzerland

US\$2,000 - 3,000

€1,600 - 2,500

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**NSAPO-NSAPO MATERNITY FIGURE,
EASTERN KASAI PROVINCE,
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE
CONGO**

Wood
height 13 1/4in (34cm)

Provenance

Collected in the field by American engineer
Clinton Bernard in the early 20th century
Galerie Jacques Germain, Montreal
Private Collection, Canada

Publication

Germain, Jacques, *Art ancien de l'Afrique
noire*, Volume IV, Montreal, Canada, 2008,
pp. 88-89

The Nsapo-Nsapo is actually a breakaway
group stemming from the Songye clans.
Nsapo-Nsapo sculpture, however varied
stylistically, has one common feature, namely
disproportionately large heads.

This rare maternity figure compares favorably
with the one published in Marie-Louise
Bastin's *Introduction aux Arts de l'Afrique
noire*, 1984, page 356, fig. 380.

One of the features of this sculpture is the
presence of the "Portugal" cross which are
also found on certain masks of the Tshokwe
peoples. This symbol (*cingelyengelye*) is
engraved on the foreheads of both mother
and child.

This sculpture was allegedly used in the
cult of ancestors that was borrowed by
the Nsapo-Nsapo from their Bena Lulua
neighbors; it is said that those protective
figures helped ancestors reincarnate into the
world of the living.

US\$12,000 - 18,000

€9,800 - 15,000

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**BENA LULUA MALE FIGURE,
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE
CONGO**

lupfingu
Wood, ritual patination
height 4in (10.2cm)

Provenance

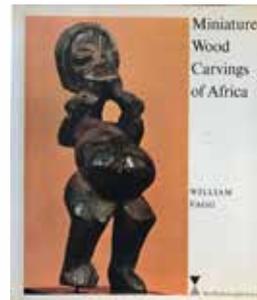
Josef Herman Collection, London
Private Collection, New York

Published

Fagg, William, *Miniature Wood Carvings of Africa*, Adams and Hart, Bath, 1970, fig. 84

According to Fagg (*ibid.*, p 88), "This is also a readily distinguishable Bena Lulua piece, although very different from the past. It appears to be one of the figures called *lupfingu* according to Himmelheber, which were provided with a small receptacle in which offerings are made."

US\$5,000 - 7,000
€4,100 - 5,700



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**HEMBA MALE FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

Wood, ritual patina, clay, magic bundle
height 11 3/4in (29.8cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, Pennsylvania
Private Collection, New York

Joseph Cornet noted that "the Hemba style should be distinguished from the Luba style, as much for the quantity of its output as for the eminence of its aesthetic qualities and the diversity of forms in its sculpture.[. . .]

Ancestor worship is widespread among the Hemba, and there are many statues relating to this cult that are masculine in form--Luba statues being mostly female.[. . .] The beauty of the poses and the serenity of the expressions are especially to be admired. (*Art from Zaire - 100 Masterworks from the National Collection, The African-American Institute, New York, 1975, p. 118*)

Of hard wood, the figure wears a swept-back coiffure and beard along his sharp jaw line representative of the Hemba style. The figure wears a magical substance inset into the top of the head; dark-brown/black encrusted patina showing evidence of significant age and use.

US\$12,000 - 18,000
€9,800 - 15,000



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**SONGYE POWER FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

nkisi

Wood, fiber, metal, goat fur, goat horn,
magical bundle wrapped in snake skin
height 24 1/4in (45cm)

Provenance

Belgian Private Collection

US\$15,000 - 25,000

€12,000 - 21,000

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**SONGYE MALE FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

Wood, ritual patination
height 16 15/16in (43cm)

Provenance

Maria Wyss Collection, Basel
Rudolf Liechti Collection, Switzerland
Charles-Edouard Duflon, Geneva
Private Collection, Switzerland

Exhibited

Geneva, *Ethnographie à Genève*, Bank
Lombard Odier, 2010
Organized by Boris Wastiau, Director of the
Musée d'ethnographie de Genève and the
patrons of the museum, this was a special
exhibition to encourage Swiss people to vote
in favor of building the new museum.

US\$15,000 - 20,000
€12,000 - 16,000



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**SONGYE CEREMONIAL AXE,
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE
CONGO**

Iron, wood handle covered with copper
length 19in (48.2cm)

Provenance

Patricia Withofs, London
Simon Spierer Collection, Switzerland
Charles-Edouard Duflon, Geneva
Private Collection, Switzerland

US\$6,000 - 8,000
€4,900 - 6,600

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**SONGYE FEMALE MASK, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

kifwebe
Wood, kaolin
height 11 13/16in (30cm)

Provenance

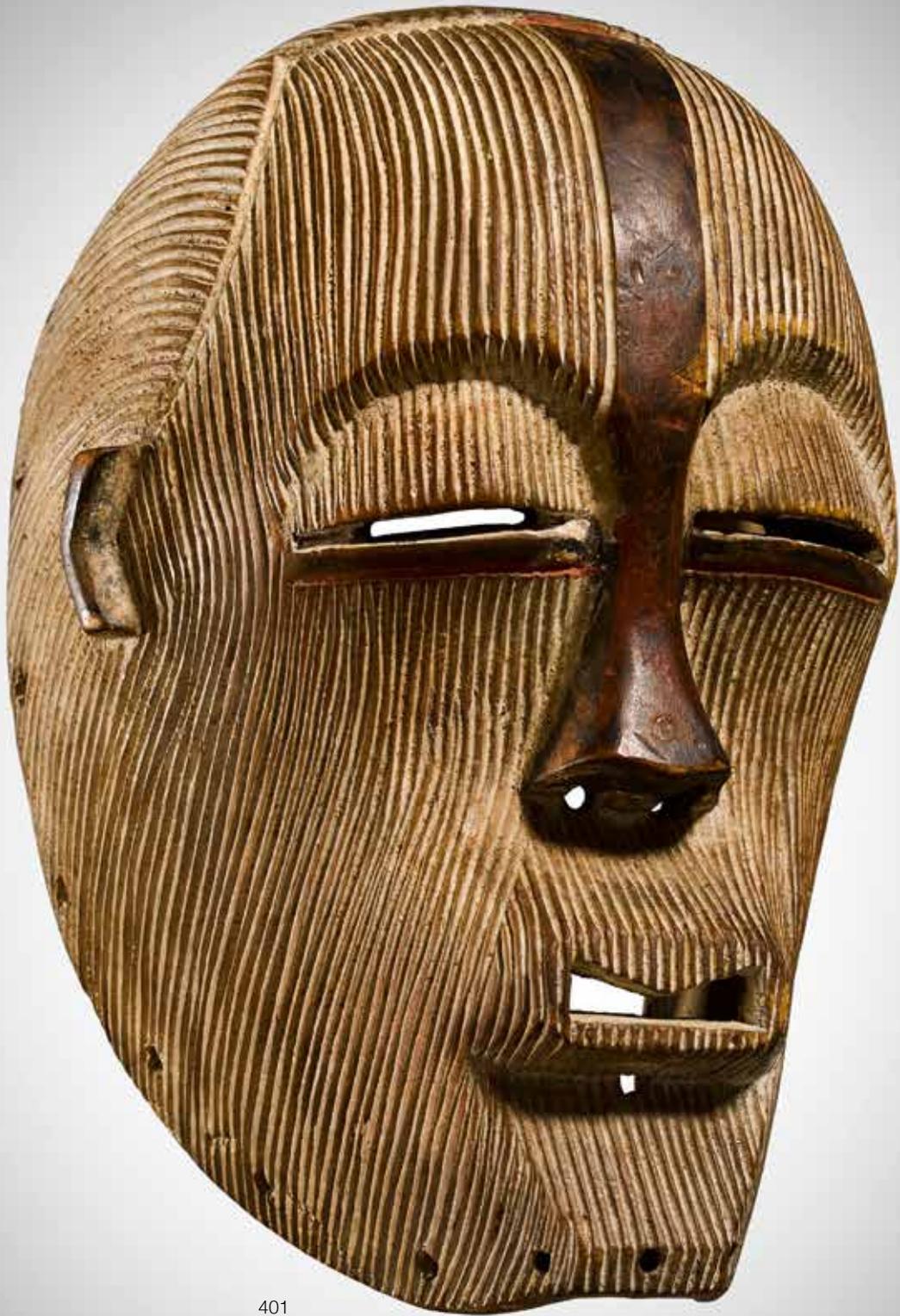
Daniel Spoeri Collection, Switzerland
Charles-Edouard Duflon, Geneva
Private Collection, Switzerland

Exhibited

Geneva, *Ethnographie à Genève*, Bank
Lombard Odier, 2010
Organized by Boris Wastiau, Director of the
Musée d'ethnographie de Genève and the
patrons of the museum, this was a special
exhibition to encourage Swiss people to vote
in favor of building the new museum.

This mask is sculpted with well-balanced proportions in a deeply hollowed composition with predominant use of white clay and rounded form representative of female masks; the heart-shaped face with brows arching above pensive, slightly domed slit eyes; a protruding slit mouth carved on the same plane as the nose and narrow, squared chin; delicately incised overall with linear design; light brown patina with white and brown pigments.

US\$12,000 - 18,000
€9,800 - 15,000



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LEGA FEMALE FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

iginga

Wood, kaolin

height 11 1/4in (28.5cm)

Provenance

Galerie Hélène and Philippe Leloup, Paris/New York

James Willis, San Francisco

John Giltsoff, Girona

Tomkins Collection, New York, acquired from the above in 2005

Published

Biebuyck, Daniel P., *La Sculpture des Lega*, Galerie Hélène and Philippe Leloup, Paris/New York, 1994, fig. 37

Exhibited

Paris, *La Sculpture des Lega*, Galerie Hélène and Philippe Leloup, 14-30 July 1994

Biebuyck notes (Ibid. p. 128), "The full-standing figurine with stump arms and notched legs is blackened but there are traces of kaolin on the face and here and there on the sculpture. Like other wooden figurines that are part of the collectively-held initiation baskets at the *kindi* level, this one is rudimentarily carved, particularly when contrasted with some refined ivory sculptures. However, this and other wooden carvings that are part of the collectively-held baskets suggest a powerful and impressive presence when displayed together. Although no contextual data are available for this particular piece, it is virtually certain that the object, because of its exaggerated, large female sex placed in full perspective, represents a character of the *Wayinda* type, a woman who indulges in illicit sexual relationships even when she is pregnant, thus creating numerous problems for her child, her husband and eventually herself."

US\$25,000 - 35,000

€21,000 - 29,000







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**LEGA MASKETTE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

lukwakongo

Wood, kaolin traces
height 7in (17.8cm)

Provenance

French Private Collection

Daniel Biebuyck notes, (*La Sculpture des Lega*, Galerie Hélène & Philippe Leloup, Paris/New York, 1994, p. 139) "Wooden *lukwakongo* maskettes are linked with the *lutumbo iwa yananio* grade. In a few areas of Legaland, where Bwami had not reached its fullest structural development before foreign influences began working against the system, initiates of the intermediate *ngandu* grade might have some of these maskettes; in this case, they were rarely used as individually-owned insignia and initiation objects. [. . .] The maskettes are used in a variety of ways, fixed to a fence or pole, piled up in a group, spread out in linear arrangement, hand-carried in a dance, dragged or swung by their beards, hung over the shoulder. In very few instances, the maskette is carried lying on the head, or fixed to the tall, black, goat-mane hat worn by *yananio* initiates, often in combination with one or two more masks, or hung from the front of the hat so that the beard partly covers the face of its wearer."

US\$10,000 - 15,000
€8,200 - 12,000

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**SIKASINGO/BUYU HALF FIGURE,
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE
CONGO**

Wood

height 12 13/16in (32.5cm)

Provenance

Gerald Dannenberg Collection, Long Island,
New York

Woods Davy Collection, Venice, California

European Private Collection

Belgian Private Collection

US\$8,000 - 12,000
€6,600 - 9,800



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SIKASINGO MALE FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Wood
height 7 7/8in (20cm)

Provenance
Josef Herman, United Kingdom
Private Collection, Switzerland

US\$3,000 - 5,000
€2,500 - 4,100



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BEMBE FEMALE FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Wood, stone, pigment
height 5 7/8in (15cm)

Provenance
Private Collection, France
Charles-Edouard Dufloy, Geneva
Private Collection, Switzerland

US\$2,000 - 3,000
€1,600 - 2,500



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SIKASINGO/BEMBE/BUYU COUPLE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Wood, cloth

heights 9 1/4in and 9 1/2in (23.5cm and 24cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, Liège, Belgium
Jos Walscharts Collection, Antwerp, Belgium
Michel Koenig, Brussels, Belgium
Jo de Buck, Brussels, Belgium
Belgium Private Collection

US\$6,000 - 8,000

€4,900 - 6,600



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SIKASINGO/BUYU COUPLE OF HALF FIGURES, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Wood with encrusted patina
heights 8 1/4in (21cm)

Provenance

Marc Leo Felix, Brussels (FX95 197A and 197B)
Michael Grebanier Collection, San Francisco
Belgian Private Collection

US\$8,000 - 12,000
€6,600 - 9,800

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BEMBE JANUS CHARM, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Wood, kaolin, ochre pigment
height 10in (25.5cm)

Provenance

Eduard Hess, Switzerland
Dalton-Somaré, Milan
Belgian Private Collection

US\$3,000 - 5,000
€2,500 - 4,100



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**LUBA-SHANKADI FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

Wood, metal
height 14in (35.5cm)

Provenance

Belgian Private Collection

US\$6,000 - 9,000

€4,900 - 7,400

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**SIKASINGO FEMALE FIGURE,
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE
CONGO**

Wood

height 20in (51cm)

Provenance

Didier Claes, Brussels

Lucien Van de Velde, Antwerp

Pace Primitive, New York

Albert Bruce Connor, New York, acquired
from the in 2001

Thence by descent

US\$15,000 - 20,000

€12,000 - 16,000



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**LWENA FEMALE FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

Wood

height 5 7/8in (15cm)

Provenance

Josef Herman, United Kingdom
Private Collection, Switzerland

Exhibited

Geneva, *Ethnographie à Genève*, Bank
Lombard Odier, 2010

Organized by Boris Wastiau, Director of the
Musée d'ethnographie de Genève and the
patrons of the museum, this was a special
exhibition to encourage Swiss people to vote
in favor of building the new museum.

US\$1,500 - 2,000

€1,200 - 1,600

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**RARE TABWA MASK, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

kinkalankasu

Wood

height 13 3/4in (35cm)

Provenance

Michel Gaud, Saint Tropez
Belgian Private Collection

Evan Maurer and Allen Roberts note, "The
Tabwa people make two types of masks:
anthropomorphic facial masks, sometimes
in the form of a full head; and massive buffalo
masks, worn on the head and sometimes
supported by wooden handles. These
masks are relatively rare, and their meaning
is not well known." (*Tabwa - The Rising of
a New Moon: A Century of Tabwa Art*, The
University of Michigan Museum of Art, 1985,
p. 82)

Mauer and Roberts continue (p. 159), 'Only
two Tabwa masks have been identified
[since the publication of their book, another
example was offered for sale at Sotheby's
(16 May 2014, Lot 285) and now the mask
on offer here], although field photographs
indicate that other examples are still in use
among southern Tabwa. People living in
the Marungu Massif speak of a mask called
kinkalankasu, used to threaten and frighten
unruly children. This is said to be *kifwebe*,
a generic term for "mask" borrowed from
western Luba-influenced Tabwa practice. A
dancer might dress in a costume of plantain
leaves and dance a step called *kitwela*;
children would be told that this intimidating
figure was a *kizumu*, a "half-man", half
"serpent" coming to take away those who
lack discipline or respect.'

Of large proportions, the deeply hollowed
mask on offer here has a coiffure with panels
of incised linear bands formed in triangles on
the top with two horizontal bands above the
domed forehead with a vertical crest in the
middle and separating the pierced, almond-
shaped eyes and leading to the triangular
nose above an open mouth slightly curving
upwards; varied dark and light-brown patina.

US\$15,000 - 25,000

€12,000 - 21,000



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SALAMPASU MASK, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Wood, rattan, fiber
height (not including fiber beard) 11in (28cm)

Provenance

Rolf Miehler Collection, Munich
Pace Primitive, New York
Albert Bruce Connor, New York, acquired from the above December
1997
Thence by descent

US\$3,000 - 5,000
€2,500 - 4,100

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TSHOKWE COMB, ANGOLA

Wood
height 7 1/8in (18cm)

Provenance

Arman Collection, New York
Private Collection, Switzerland

US\$5,000 - 7,000
€4,100 - 5,700



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**TSHOKWE FIGURE FROM A STOOL,
ANGOLA**

Wood

height 11in (28cm)

Provenance

Baron Freddy Rolin, New York
Christine Valluet, Paris
Private Collection, Switzerland

US\$3,000 - 5,000

€2,500 - 4,100



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TSHOKWE JANIFORM WHISTLE, ANGOLA

Wood
height 4 1/8in (10.5cm)

Provenance

Philippe Laeremans, Brussels
Belgian Private Collection

US\$3,000 - 5,000
€2,500 - 4,100



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ZULU SEATED MATERNITY FIGURE, SOUTH AFRICA

Wood, beads
height 7 7/8in (20cm)

Provenance

Marcel de Schryver Collection, Switzerland
Les Peyrolliers, Geneva
Private Collection, Switzerland

Exhibited

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Organized by Boris Wastiau, Director of the Musée d'ethnographie de Genève and the patrons of the museum, this was a special exhibition to encourage Swiss people to vote in favor of building the new museum.

US\$2,000 - 3,000
€1,600 - 2,500



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MAHAFALY FIGURAL FUNERARY POST, MADAGASCAR

Wood

height 57in (145cm)

Provenance

Didier Claes, Brussels

Belgian Private Collection

“The Mahafaly peoples of Madagascar honor the deceased members of chiefly and royal lineages by creating burial sites of imposing grandeur. Each tomb is a solid boxlike stone sculpture that may be surmounted by as many as thirty wood sculptures. These wooden tomb sculptures commemorate deceased individuals while addressing more abstract concepts concerning the nature of existence after death and the relationship between living and dead. Funerary sculpture is understood not as a direct or literal portrait of the deceased but as a locus of connection with the ancestral realm. The Mahafaly have adopted the term *aloalo* to refer strictly to the works that are used at royal burial sites. *Aloalo* is derived from *alo*, which implies a sense of an intermediary or messenger; the term therefore refers primarily to the work’s function and not necessarily its form. *Alo* also relates to the creation of linkages and, in the context of funerary sculpture, may refer to the visual interlocking of abstract forms integrated into a harmonious design as well the work’s role as an intermediary between the worlds of the living and dead.” (Metropolitan Museum of Art, WEB, nd)

US\$8,000 - 12,000

€6,600 - 9,800

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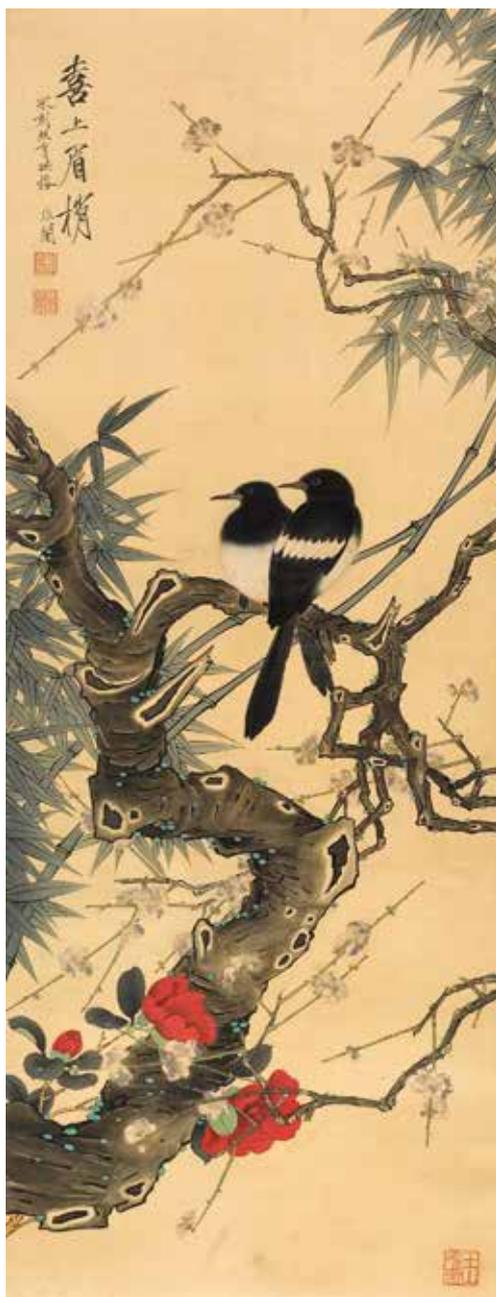
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the American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator's award shall be in writing and shall set forth findings of fact and legal conclusions.

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(B) The parties shall submit written briefs to the arbitrator no later than 15 days before the arbitration commences;

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\$5,000-10,000	by \$500s
\$10,000-20,000	by \$1,000s
\$20,000-50,000	by \$2,000/5,000/8,000s
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Sale no. 24818		Sale venue: Los Angeles	
General Bid Increments:			
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\$200 - 500by 20 / 50 / 80s		\$20,000 - 50,000by 2,000 / 5,000 / 8,000s	
\$500 - 1,000by 50s		\$50,000 - 100,000by 5,000s	
\$1,000 - 2,000by 100s		\$100,000 - 200,000by 10,000s	
\$2,000 - 5,000by 200 / 500 / 800s		above \$200,000at the auctioneer's discretion	
\$5,000 - 10,000by 500s		The auctioneer has discretion to split any bid at any time.	
Customer Number		Title	
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