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An Early 20th Century African Carved Wood Ngoni Figure

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1081222

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 37 cm (14.6")

Width = 20 cm (7.9")

Depth = 30 cm (11.8")

Description

An African Carved Wood Ngoni Figure, Early 20th Century: This charming example of African artistry depicts a crouching man from the Ngoni tribe, intricately carved holding a knife and wood carving or sharpening stone. Dating to the first half of the 20th Century, the figure showcases a body crafted in three distinct parts: a fixed head, adjustable arms, and a solid main body piece. The piece displays a beautiful coloration and patina, adding to its allure as a decorative tribal art object. The Ngoni people, an ethnic group predominantly found in modern-day Southern African nations such as Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and Zambia, trace their ancestry back to the Nguni and Zulu peoples from kwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. The dispersion of the Nguni populations following the Zulu wars led to significant social reorganisation, extending as far north as Malawi and Zambia. This wood carving stands as a testament to the rich cultural heritage and artistic traditions of the Ngoni people.

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