

SA1139508

African carved hardwood and bone study of a hippopotamus circa 1920

Price

GBP 765

| USD \$1,035 | EUR 895

Item Reference: SA1139508

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 16 cm (6.3")

Width = 30 cm (11.8")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

This fabulous and amusing hand carved study of a hippopotamus originates from Africa and is primitively carved from a very heavy single block of dense, rich red hardwood. It amusingly captures the animal with its large mouth wide open, showing its tongue and an array of teeth which have been shaped and inlaid in bone, as are the eyes. The tail is made from bristles. This wonderful and highly decorative piece is very pleasing to the eye. It has great colour and patination and a very tactile feel when being handled. On the underside, there is a partial circular stamp probably from a retailer who would be selling this locally made carving as a souvenir in the 1920s to a European traveller or big game hunter. Circa 1920 Height 16cm width 30cm x depth 11cm

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