



Shrine Figure (Ikenga)

Date

mid 20th century

Primary Maker

Nigeria, Igbo people

Medium

wood, plant fiber and encrustation

Description

Ikenga means the personal shrine to the right hand. This image symbolizes the Igbo adult male's aggressiveness and drive to achievement and success. This is a "warrior" ikenga, indicated by the horns, titleholder's stool, sword, severed head, and warrior's skirt.

Dimensions

Overall: 11 7/8 x 3 1/2 x 3/8 in. (30.2 x 8.9 x 1 cm)