



AFRICAN
Female Figure
Kulango People, Ivory Coast
wood
17 in.

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Kulango statuary is rare, and often presented as derived from and strongly influenced by Lobi art. The figures, associated with the dead, are beings that are somewhere between spirits and people and may represent the dead, or ghost, or bush spirit. The figures preside over foundation rites, essential for obtaining protection for new homes. They were also used by soothsayers and by the leaders of the family cult.

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