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Height: 60 cm

The guardian of the waters of the river, lakes and ponds. It is he who throws the substance of the épony flower into the water to stupefy and put the fish to sleep, which loses all notions of orientation. The substance acts in such a way that the swim bladder does not function anymore. The fish struggles with its stomach in the air. The gourds in each hand are planted in the bottom of the water when it is a pond. Fishing can begin. Up to 500 villagers jump into the water with traps, nets and gourds floating next to the fisherman. The biggest fish, real monsters that sometimes swallow children, weigh from 600 to 1000 kg. It takes up to 10 men to master one.

On the guardian's hairstyle here present, appears the famous catfish, status emblem.

Complete statue not vandalized as they have often been in the West, because of greed.

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Left: 33 cm - Priestess menopausal, with the labret on the lower lip; the drugs protect the belly. The very low breast in the form of accessory udders, shows the advanced age of the person.

Right: 33 cm - A chef in his seat, the eyes are ivory like on the priestess. The hairstyle is identical to the crocodile's tail. The scrotum practically covers the penis. The hands resting on the knees show the uselessness of using them for a chief.