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Height: 60 cm.

The guardian of the waters in rivers, lakes, and ponds. It is responsible for introducing substances from the epony tree into the water to sedate and disorient fish. This sedative renders the swim bladder useless, causing the fish to struggle at the surface. The gourds held in each hand are placed at the bottom of the water body in ponds. Fishing commences with up to 500 villagers using traps, nets, and calabashes alongside the fisherman. The largest catches, sometimes swallowing children, weigh between 600 and 1000 kg, requiring up to 10 men to manage.

The supervisor present here sports a hairstyle featuring the catfish, a renowned emblem of his status. The statue remains intact, unlike many in the West that have been vandalized due to greed.



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Left: 33 cm

A postmenopausal priestess with a labret on her lower lip, taking medication to protect her stomach. The noticeably low chest, resembling accessory breasts, indicates the advanced age of this highly esteemed individual.

Measuring 33 cm, a prominent figure sits with eyes resembling ivory, akin to a priestess. The hairstyle mirrors a crocodile's tail, with the scrotum almost entirely concealing the penis. Hands placed on the knees symbolize the insignificance of using them as the village's main leader.