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Height: 58 centimeters

Commemorative leopard dance costume. From the rear view: a predatory muzzle is positioned within the empty head and secured with a leather tie. A "serpent" running down the spine, crafted from tricolored wooden beads, anchors the energies from the sacrum to the neck.



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Height: 60 centimeters

The supreme position oversees the initiation of youth into diverse, structured warrior groups. Adorned in dual colors, this individual connects with leaders of ceremonial cannibalistic rituals to access blessings from unseen realms. The Sungu and the Kinka fall directly under this figure's jurisdiction.



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Height: Approximately 20 cm

A braided raffia mask, like those of his peers, is part of the singular brotherhood of Mukanda. It embodies roles such as the hunter, the warrior, the protector of crops, and the sentinel at the borders of "Kongo - Congo -".

Zaire – DRC", Angola. All formidable in ambush. Always feared by their neighbors and yet very peaceful in commercial contacts. Still use silent barter to avoid all.

Friction with their interlocutors. Small faces are visible on the belt, shoulder, and the 4-pronged sword taken from the epaulettes in 1961 by the Katangese gendarmerie.



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Height: 30 centimeters

Mask of the three forces utilized in ceremonies aligned with the various phases of the moon.



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Height: 30 centimeters

Mask representing the four cardinal points, crossroads, and providential encounters.



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Mask height is 31 cm – Costume 1.60m.

Attire worn during the full moon in the forest to communicate with the spirits. Kept confidential, akin to the brotherhood of N'Kanda.



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Height: 65 centimeters

The typical and highly individualized offensive and defensive weapons of the

Basalampasu.



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Height: 30 centimeters

Countenance of the individual overseeing a group of young individuals entrusted to them

for the initial phase of initiation in the sacred dwelling or woodland.



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Height: 30 centimeters

The philosopher: the 5 digits of the unseen propping the jaw, promoting contemplation. The lack of typically pointed teeth signifies the immense wisdom of this elder. The 5 innate talents in the "paw" of the leopard.



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Height: 22 centimeters

Eyes in ears. Depiction of a bat, illustrating the significance of nocturnal forces, particularly in connection to lunar cycles. The nyctalope is likened to an individual with dual vision. In a village where two families harbor conflicting emotions, the one persistently exploiting the other will be perceived as a detrimental insect. Under constant scrutiny and censure from the community, the nocturnal forces, embodied by this visionary figure, will step in to reinstate equilibrium in the pursuit of the common good.

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Height: Approximately 20 cm

Carried by the custodian of traditions and shaken to summon the spirits as a testament to what he is about to proclaim in society. This unique object often invokes and brings rain even during the dry season.



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Height: Approximately 20 cm

Worn at the council of diviners. The three judges, the three colors: black-white-red.

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Height: 30 centimeters

Similar to the Basongue and their intricate linear designs on Kifwebe masks and objects, the M'Pasu prominently displays expertise in meteorological pressure fields. Manipulating this figure during the dry season to request rain or draw the otherworldly realm's focus on significant matters underscores the artifact's profound significance.



510

Height: 20 cm - A braided raffia belt with a double part, the widest of which is worn at the front, facilitating the carrying of a sword on the hip.

The authority sticks are made of grass stems of the notables.



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Height 1: 33 centimeters

Height 3rd: 33 centimeters

Two masks from the Lwalwa and M'Bal cultures are utilized during the initial phases of initiation.

The ones featuring side antennas on the temples are exclusively M'Pasu.



512
Height: 35 centimeters



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Height: 35 centimeters



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Height: Approximately 20 cm



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Height: 20 centimeters



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Height: Approximately 25 cm



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Height: Approximately 44 cm