



## Marionette Figure

### Date

20th Century

### Primary Maker

Ibibio

### Medium

Kaolin, wood, beads, fiber and raffia

### Description

Ibibio figure, Nigeria. Large female figure, arms nailed on and are movable. Natural wood covered by kaolin. Knob-like projections represent the coiffure. Eyebrows and outline of the mouth and breasts have black paint. Carved scarifications down the center of the body from the neck to the female organs and a transfer scarification by the umbilicus. Inlaid glass eyes; hands and feet indicated; a maternal figure carrying a baby with black and red beads around its abdomen. Fiber and chain necklace around its neck. Baby's arms are movable and treatment follows that

of the mother. A very unusual and large figure. Wood. Mother, 37"H, baby, 17.5"L. Medium changed from Wood and metal to Kaolin, wood, beads, fiber and raffia. 3/30/11

### Dimensions

Overall: 17 1/2 in. (44.5 cm)