

Basic Detail Report



30 1/4 × 1 5/8 × 1 3/4 in. (76.8 × 4.1 × 4.4 cm)

Staff

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Kulango

Medium

Wood

Description

The Kulango culture occupies a region of the Ivory Coast along the border of Ghana and Burkina Faso. The region is an artistic melting pot with a variety of ethnic groups living in close proximity to one another. Unfortunately, the art of the Kulango has been poorly documented. As a result, the purpose of many sculptural and utilitarian pieces—this staff included—are not well-understood. Throughout much of Africa, though, staffs are used as prestige objects either on ceremonial occasions or in daily life.

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