



## Female Figure

### Date

mid 20th Century

### Primary Maker

Osiik

### Medium

Wood, fiber and shell

### Description

This is a wooden statue of a standing female figure carved by a carving apprentice named Osiik in 1954. Palauan standing figures are made in a variety of styles and may be carved from heavy dark wood such as teak or from lighter wood such as breadfruit. This particular figurine features a grass skirt that was assembled by weaving together strips of plant fiber and securing them with a braided band. A standing figure, such as the one presented here, would have been carved as tokens for the deceased or used as ancestral shrines for the spirit of the dead. Although these types of statues are no longer significant as ancestral shrines, they have gained

monetary value to carvers as items of barter.

### Dimensions

15 1/2 × 4 × 4 in. (39.4 × 10.2 × 10.2 cm)