



Reliquary Figure (Bieri)

Date

20th century

Primary Maker

Fang people

Medium

wood, stain, copper alloy, plastic beads, plant fiber and encrustation

Description

Bieri figures are attached to cylindrical bark containers that contain relics, usually bones, of ancestors. The figure personifies the collective qualities of the ancestors and is regarded as the reliquary's guardian.

Dimensions

Overall: 20 7/8 x 7 1/2 x 6 in. (53 x 19.1 x 15.2 cm)