

Nom : Male figure,

Description : Male figure, Yoruba peoples, Nigeria, Date unknown, Terracotta

The Oshugbo or Ogboni society consists of the oldest and wisest men and women in a community. They settle disputes and balance the power of the king. This figure depicts a titled male elder. He wears the ritual sash over his left shoulder and the beads of office around his neck. His feathered and beaded headdress and seated pose may signify the special role of the king's representative. This is one of only two published terracotta Oshugbo figures; others are copper alloy.

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