

Ten Funerary Poles

Artist: unknown
Date: before 1925
Dimensions: 188 cm high x 12 cm in diameter
Materials: wood, pigments.
Inventory no: 100629, 100638

STATE OF PRESERVATION
There is damage to both the wooden and pictorial surfaces. Although some pieces of the representation are lost, the colors are beautiful and visible. In several areas the painted layer has separated from the wooden surface and needs urgent restoration.

RESTORATION PROCESS INCLUDES

- Pesticide treatment
- Removal of the dust
- Consolidation of the wood
- Re-hydration of the leaves and bark
- Integration of the missing parts and pigments
- Overall consolidation
- Photographic documentation and summary

Total Cost € 42.000,00



► These wonderfully colored poles are original from the Melville Islands (northern Territory, Australia). Despite their colorful aspect and their decorations, these poles were used for exceptional funerary ceremonies named "pukumani". At the end of these special ceremonies, the celebrants set the colored funerary poles all around the burial site. Each pole is carved out of a different tree.

