



Royal Altar Figure

Date

ca. 17th to 18th century

Primary Maker

Benin Kingdom

Medium

copper alloy

Description

In style this altar figure appears to date from before 1897, when the British punitive expedition destroyed the capital city and the king's palace, and confiscated the artwork from the royal ancestral altars.

Dimensions

Overall: 13 7/8 x 5 3/8 x 5 3/8 in. (35.2 x 13.7 x 13.7 cm)