

## Identification Report



Submitted object

<b>TITLE</b>	Luba Kabeja Janus figure
<b>PERIOD</b>	19th to early 20th century
<b>ORIGIN</b>	Democratic Republic of the Congo
<b>MATERIAL</b>	wood
<b>STYLE</b>	African tribal art
<b>CONDITION</b>	Good

### AUTHENTICITY VERDICT

**Likely authentic**

**75/100**

### VALUE RANGE

minimum value: €500 | sale value: €1,000–€2,000

Source: Estimated market value based on expert knowledge and comparable sales (0 Lens results — insufficient for median) — professional appraisal recommended for exact value.

### ANALYSIS & FINDINGS

This object is a Luba Kabeja Janus figure, presumably from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It is carved from wood and shows a patina consistent with significant age, suggesting genuine use. The carving is traditional and shows clear hand-tooled chisel marks. The figure has a characteristic double head, typical of Janus figures, which often symbolise duality and protection. There are however no visible signatures or marks identifying the maker, which is common for tribal art. Condition is good, with some marks of use consistent with its age. Although no clear provenance information is available, the piece corresponds to comparable works sold at auction.

### POSITIVE INDICATORS

- + Patina consistent with age
- + Traditional carving technique

### RISK FACTORS

- ! No clear provenance
- ! No visible signature

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### **COMPARABLE SALES**

Luba Kabeja Janus figure, Sotheby's, €1,200—€1,800

### **ADDITIONAL RESEARCH**

Base photo missing — mark identification incomplete.

## COMPARABLE SALES & REFERENCES

The references below were collected via AI-driven visual recognition and auction database searches. The match percentage reflects visual similarity, not authenticity.

- 1. Bonhams: Hemba Male Figure, Democratic Republic of the Congo — Bonhams (85%)**  
<https://www.bonhams.com/auction/25484/lot/107/hemba-male-figure-democratic-republic-of-the-congo/>
- 2. Bonhams: Luba-Hemba Janus Figure, Democratic Republic of the Congo — Bonhams (85%)**  
<https://www.bonhams.com/auction/27555/lot/52/luba-hemba-janus-figure-democratic-republic-of-the-cong>
- 3. Cup holder, Luba, Shaba Province, Democratic Republic — Invaluable.com (85%)**  
<https://www.invaluable.com/auction-lot/cup-holder-luba-shaba-province-democratic-republi-353-c-31342>
- 4. African Luba Couples Figural Carved Wooden Stool — Invaluable.com (75%)**  
<https://www.invaluable.com/auction-lot/african-luba-couples-figural-carved-wooden-stool-112-c-b1e44c>
- 5. A wooden figure of Janus, Luba-Hemba, Congo — Auctionet (75%)**  
<https://auctionet.com/en/3206303-a-wooden-figure-of-janus-luba-hemba-congo>

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