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# PAGODA RED

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## RED & GREEN FIGURAL MORTAR

**\$680**

20th Century • West Africa • Materials, Paint, Wood • Collection #CAA1433

W: 6.5" D: 5.0" H: 20.0"

Abstract and sculptural, this wooden form demonstrates the timeless appeal of African art. Hand-carved to an hourglass shape, the unusual figure is actually a grinding mortar, comprised of a round dish elevated by a base carved with ribbed textures and figural elements. The mortar is shaped to resemble a stylized female figure, her body simplified to an assemblage of shapes and lines. Likely intended as decorative sculpture rather than a functional mortar, the wooden form is finished with red and green paint for added color and design intrigue.



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