

# Ancestor Canoes

The spirit canoe, *wuramon*, is carved in the interior territories and represents the journey to the world of the spirits in the most classical way. It is supposed to celebrate the deceased, keep contact with them and assist the souls in the transition towards the world of the ancestors. They are often used in young men's initiation ceremonies.

The boat is bottomless and may have different sizes. It carries a row of seated or kneeling human figures and stylized animal sculptures, such as the magic turtle, symbol of male fertility.



### Barca degli Spiriti

La barca degli spiriti, *wuramon*, si presenta con le pareti esterne dello scafo scolpite a bassorilievo, coperte da una patina di argilla rossa, e all'interno con una serie di figure umane inginocchiate verso la tartaruga magica. Figure antropomorfe sono scolpite a prua e a poppa. Ricoperte da una patina scura, portano decorazioni in rosso, cinture e bracciali di rattan intrecciato.

*187 x 22 cm; legno ferro, patina naturale, caolino e argilla rossa, rattan  
Cod.0326-29*

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This spirit canoe, *wuramon*, has a strongly engraved bas-relief on the outer side, coated with red clay. Inside the boat, a row of human figures is seated and kneeling in front of the magic turtle, while anthropomorphous sculptures are located at the stern and prow. The bodies are decorated in red and wear woven rattan bracelets and waistbands.

*187 x 22 cm; ironwood, natural patina, kaolin and red clay, rattan  
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### Barca degli Spiriti

Questo *wuramon*, barca degli spiriti, è denso di figure scolpite, simbolo delle anime dei defunti. La loro patina scura contrasta con l'esilità dello scafo senza fondo, decorato fittamente e tinto in rosso vivo sull'esterno.

*187 x 22 cm; legno ferro, patina scura, argilla rossa*  
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This *wuramon* sculpture is densely carved with human figures, symbol of the souls of the departed. The very dark patina of the carving is in striking contrast with the external part of the boat, slight in build, richly engraved and coated with red clay.

*187 x 22 cm; ironwood, dark patina, red clay*  
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