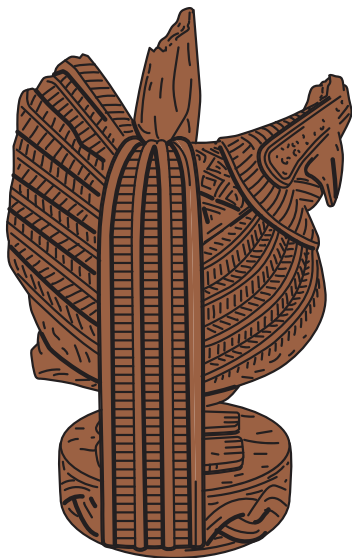


IYEŌKHŌKHŌ

Hen Figure



The Iyeŋkhŋkhŋ (hen figures) are used by chiefs and commoners on female altars. These differ from cast brass or bronze Ōkporhu, which are only to be used on royal ancestral altars for the Iy'ŋba. Hens symbolise maternal care and love, in particular they protect the chicks by spreading their wings over them.

