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FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—ETHNOLOGY

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Provenience: West Africa, Guinea-Bissau, Canhabague Island**People or Culture:** Bidjago**Object:** MALE FIGURE (IRA)**Material:** Wood, goat hair, eggshell, reed(?), nails, cloth, tin, various unknown materials***Description:** Male figure (Ira) carved from column of wood hollowed out in front with magical substances* in lower half of cavity and held in by twisted reed circlet; crossbar near top of body with red cloth streamer tied on. Separated head attached to slot in back of body with reed ties; head has goat hair beard, tin corneas, nail pupils, cloth knobbed headdress topped with (over)

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Dimensions: H: 57.2 W: 13.7 D: 13.0
(in cm.)

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Collection: Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Strotz, 12/15/76. Collector, Michael J. Strotz, 1972-1976.

goat hair and red streamers; coil necklace;
eggshell scattered over figure. (Collected
by Michael Strotz, donor's son, September
1973.) (See Cat. and Coll. notes)

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