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Provenience: West Africa, Guinea-Bissau

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—ETHNOLOGY

People or Culture: Bidjago

Object: FEMALE FERTILITY FIGURE Material: Wood, cloth, eggshell, metal, braided cord, nails Description: Pregnant nude figure with red cloth shawl

draped over left breast and shoulder. Shawl decorated Neg. No.

with braided cord knot. Body is carved in front only, back left as wood block. European style hat carved on head with cloth streamer tied around brim. Streamer tied around forehead. Silvery metal corneas with nailhead pupils. Eggshell fragments scattered over en-(over)

Collector, Michael J. Strotz, 1972-1976.

crusted patination of figure. **Dimensions:** H: 40.7 W: 12.1 D: 12.2 (in cm.) 3330 Collection: Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Strotz, 12/15/76. (See Coll. notes in Accession File and Cat. ref. and previous card ref.)

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