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Baba Tagwa Mask, Helmet Mask, Oceanic Art, Oceania, Basketry, Papua New Guinea



550 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

Width : 25 cm

Height : 48 cm

Depth : 35 cm

Description
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Very nice patina of use for this wickerwork helmet mask called Baba Tagwa collected in the village of Maprik in Papua New Guinea. The Baba mask is worn with a long skirt of pandanus leaves and a necklace of colorful fruits. The baba is part of the spirit world and serves to frighten and alienate the uninitiated from preparations for initiation ceremonies. The baba always carries 1 or 2 long spears which he uses (symbolically) to enforce the laws that govern the uninitiated. Basketwork in rush and natural pigments. Sold with a presentation base. Free Shipping.

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**Artifact**

Oceanic tribal art

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