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Helm Mask Called Baba Tagwa Abelam Culture, Sepik Region, Papua New Guinea



1 600 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

HEALTHY MASK called Baba Tagwa
Abelam culture, Sepik region, Papua New Guinea
First half of the 20th century
Vegetable fibers and pigments
H.: 50; L.: 34cm

Helmet mask made of woven basketry, openwork and enhanced with polychrome pigments. The anthropomorphic figure is animated by large round eyes pigmented with white, a nose with a prominent ridge, a half-open mouth, two ears in concentric circles placed high on the temples and a crest animated with zigzag patterns.

These Baba Tagwa masks refer to the initiation rites of young boys. During these secret ceremonies, reserved for the initiated, they acted

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