



Yam Mask - Papua New Guinea - First Half Of The 20th Century



3 200 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted wood

Description

Yam Mask

Abelam culture, Maprik region, Papua New Guinea

First half of the 20th century

Wood and pigments

H. 89 ; L 37 ; Th 30 cm

(old accidents)

Important wooden mask carved into an anthropomorphic face with a long beard

It has the characteristic features of the culture: a long nose, protruding nostrils, eyes in the form of inverted triangles, small ears in relief on the temples, a beard in the form of a collar and a protuberance at the top. It is entirely covered with polychrome pigments, which refer in particular to facial paintings.

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This mask refers to annual ceremonies during which yam masks of different sizes appeared - the larger sizes were rarer.

These ceremonies were used to promote the coming harvest.

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