



Crest Mask - Ekoi/ejagham Culture, Nigeria - First Half Of The 20th Century



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

Description

Crest Mask

Ekoi/ Ejagham culture, Nigeria

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Wood, plant fibres, skin and pigments

Height: 56.5; Length: 56 cm

Carved wooden crest mask, sheathed in skin, topped with four twisted horns ending in a volute.

The face has fine features, a half-open mouth with small teeth and hair sculpted into small ball-shaped buns.

The end of the neck is trimmed with woven plant fibre basketry.

These masks were used for initiation ceremonies, funerals and agricultural rituals, particularly in leopard societies.

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They represent an ideal of feminine beauty. The characteristic hairstyle echoes that worn by young Moninkim women.

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