# Kpeliyé'e Face Mask - Senufo Culture, Ivory Coast



2 480 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

## Description

Kpeliyé'e FACE MASK Senufo culture, Côte d'Ivoire Copper alloy
H. 32.5 cm, length 15 cm

This face mask has a very tapered face, a pair of openwork eyes, and numerous facial scarifications over the entire surface - flat or protruding, such as the pair of geometrically cut wings on the temples and cheeks - which can be associated with the idea of an avian figure. It has a pair of horns reminiscent of a ram.

The mask rests on two stylised legs, while the top of its forehead is animated by a chameleon - its head turned towards the mask's face.
This mask is reminiscent of the eponymous masks danced during the Poro initiation ritual.

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