



Kayapó Ritual Feather Headdress (mebêngôkre)



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

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COLLECTION. Brazilian Amazon - Upper Xingu region
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Ceremonial headdress consisting of a structure made of woven plant fibers forming a flexible band, extended by a network of cords supporting a dense arrangement of yellow downy feathers. The ensemble is punctuated by a terminal cluster of upright black and white feathers, creating a powerful visual contrast characteristic of Kayapó aesthetics. The woven section measures approximately 36 cm in length when laid flat, to which the feather pendants are added, giving the ensemble a more expansive and dynamic visual presence. Among the Kayapó, feather ornaments occupy a central place in social and ritual expression. They serve as true markers of identity, with each

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combination of feathers and colors signifying a status, function, or role within the community. Worn during communal ceremonies, these adornments contribute to the staging of the body, transformed into a symbolic entity embodying the forces of nature and the cosmic order.

PROVENANCE Jean-Pierre Dutilleux
Collection Assembled during fieldwork in the Amazon
EXHIBITION The First World
CONDITION Good overall condition
Signs of wear and minor losses consistent with age