



## Ijo Kalabari Mask From Nigeria



8 500 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état d'usage

### Description

Superb and old IJO-KALABARI hippopotamus mask from Nigeria has thick crusty patina of use and remains of polychromy height 53 for a width of 23 cm and a depth of 20cm This surprisingly interesting modern mask is worn horizontally slightly inclined on the top from the skull of the dancer or the mime which sinks into the marshy waters up to the mouth It represents the spirits of the protective waters a similar model is presented in the mazenod page 172 and it is very close in shape and patina to that from the collection of the British Museum reproduced in the book "Africa and Oceania, Lausanne page 91 (possible that it is from the same sculptor?) free shipping worldwide

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