



Dancing mask, Vokeo island, PNG

Item number :1008171

Description :

These masks were used during ceremonial celebrations lasting several weeks where large distributions of food were taking place. Representing an ancestral monster "Lewa", these masks were worn by "Tangbwal" dancers, attached to a large rattan cone (here missing) covered with fibers, feathers, etc ... the nose is pierced and an ornament is represented. At the time of the installation of the first European in 1934, the island counted less than 1000 inhabitants distributed in fifteen villages. This mask was collected by an Australian in the 1960s.

- Origin : Papua New Guinea
- Region, Province, City: Vokeo Island
- Date :
 - Early 20th Century
- Height (cm): 35
- Width (cm): 21

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- Stand: This item does not come with a stand
 - Material: Hardwood, vegetal fibers

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