

Basic Detail Report



Headband

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Boiken

Medium

Dog teeth and plant fiber

Description

This dog tooth headband comes from the Boiken people residing in the East Sepik Province of Papua New Guinea. Body ornamentation for the men and women of New Guinea is the key expression of their material status, their beauty, and their rank in their community. For the men in particular, their skills as a hunter and the number of pigs they may own is conveyed based upon what they wear on their body. In our culture it is the car you drive that signifies status, in New Guinea, it is what you wear and how you display your ornaments of materialism.

Dimensions

5 7/8 × 19 × 1 1/4 in. (14.9 × 48.3 × 3.2 cm)