



Mask

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Pende

Medium

Wood, raffia and pigment

Description

Carved and painted wood and raffia initiation mask from the Pende of Zaire, Africa. A rounded mask having a bulbous forehead, slit eyes with heavy lids, angular nose with pierced nostrils, protruding, open mouth, lug ears and beard. The pierced perimeter attached with a head-covering of woven raffia surmounted by four tall cones forming the coiffure. Painted with red, black and white pigment.

Dimensions

21 × 11 3/8 × 6 1/4 in. (53.3 × 28.9 × 15.9 cm)