



Chest Ornament (Wopok)

Date

mid 20th Century

Primary Maker

Dani

Medium

Nassa shell, cowrie shell and plant fiber

Description

Men's chest ornaments are worn over the sternum as a protective layer for warfare and also as protection from malevolent spirits. These adornments, also called wopok, are said to have been worn as part of the regalia of the "edai" dance.

Dimensions

19 3/4 × 2 3/4 × 3/4 in. (50.2 × 7 × 1.9 cm)