



Female Figure

Date

early to mid 20th Century

Primary Maker

Asmat

Medium

Wood and bone

Description

Inside Asmat mens' houses important ceremonies occur to connect the living with the realm of the spirits and ancestors. Each family has its own fireplace and hearth pole to which an ancestor figure is attached. The figure, awakened with drumming and singing, is considered an actual ancestor.

Dimensions

45 1/2 × 9 × 10 in. (115.6 × 22.9 × 25.4 cm)