



Spirit Figure (Yipwon or Kamanggabi)

Date

late 20th Century

Primary Maker

Yimam

Medium

Wood

Description

This is a modern example of a one leg figure. One-legged figures rested in caves for hundreds of years until their discovery in the 1960s. A major discovery, cave figures are some of the oldest Pacific Island art yet found. Stored in a special place in the men's ceremonial house, they were activated through incantations and magical substances to serve as hunting spirits.

Dimensions

95 1/8 × 9 × 2 5/8 in. (241.6 × 22.9 × 6.7 cm)