

Basic Detail Report



Mask

Date

20th Century

Medium

Plant fiber, shell, tooth, and plastic

Description

Adornments are of particular importance to the peoples of Papua New Guinea. Shells such as the ones used on this

face covering were used a currency and on items of particular value. This face covering was likely worn with other adornment items for ceremonial purposes or on special occasions. The stylized human face might suggest a spirit or ancestor.

Dimensions

Without straps: 6 1/4 × 8 × 1 1/2 in. (15.9 × 20.3 × 3.8 cm) With straps: 6 1/4 × 34 × 1 1/2 in. (15.9 × 86.4 × 3.8 cm)