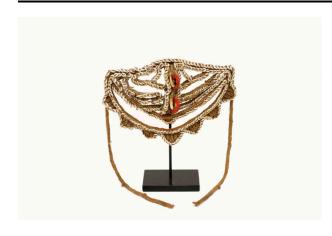
# **Basic Detail Report**



## 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:  $6\ 1/4 \times 8 \times 1\ 1/2$  in.  $(15.9 \times 20.3 \times 3.8$  cm) With straps:  $6\ 1/4 \times 34 \times 1\ 1/2$  in.  $(15.9 \times 86.4 \times 3.8$  cm)