



## Mask (Bapa Kumbu)

**Date**  
early 20th Century

**Primary Maker**  
Abelam

**Medium**  
Wood and pigment

### Description

Helmet masks, known as bapa kumbu, are worn over the head by initiated Abelam men during male ceremonial rites. While the vast majority of Abelam bapa helmet masks are made from cane that is coiled, there are a few made from wood, as with this example.

### Dimensions

18 × 8 1/2 × 14 1/2 in. (45.7 × 21.6 × 36.8 cm)