

SA1166831

A Tribal Yassan 'Mwai' Mask, Middle Sepic River, Papua New Guinea

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1166831****Date of manufacture: 1930**

Dimensions

Height = 43 cm (16.9")

Width = 22 cm (8.7")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

A Yessan 'Mwai' mask, Middle Sepic River, Papua New Guinea, carved wood decorated with pigment and fibre and with cowrie shell eyes. NB: A mwai mask is a sacred, spirit-based mask from the the Middle Sepik River region in Papua New Guinea, representing mythical sibling spirits who serve as teachers in male initiation ceremonies. These masks, characterized by elongated faces and noses, were once fastened to conical costumes worn by elders who embodied these spirits to perform rituals and communicate with clan ancestors. From the collection of Nicolas Kinloch, collected in Papua New Guinea in 2014.

Internal Ref: SKU00000941

Seller Details

Hand of Glory

Hand of Glory Antiques 34 Market Place Chippenham Wiltshire
SN15 3HP United Kingdom

Tel: 07867 305451 or 01249 447478

International Tel: +44 7867 305451 or +44 1249 447478

