



Royal Helmet Mask (Mukenga)

Date

early to mid 20th century

Primary Maker

Kuba people

Medium

wood, cotton, beads, shell, raffia, leopard skin, monkey hair and parrot feathers

Description

This mask combines references to the elephant (trunk and miniature tusks) with actual leopard skin. Both animals are symbols of the king's equivalence to these two lords of the bush.

Dimensions

Overall: 27 x 21 x 27 7/8 in. (68.6 x 53.3 x 70.8 cm)