

Basic Detail Report



Lunar Face Mask

Date

ca. 1960

Primary Maker

Eket people

Medium

wood and paint

Description

This Lunar Face Mask is worn in the Abubom performance honoring a female creation deity, or "Great Mother." The round frame represents the full moon, and the crescents

on its surface may represent the phases of the moon. Other subgroups of the Ibibio use a lunar mask similar to this example, as do some of the Igbo groups.

Dimensions

Overall: 8 5/8 x 8 1/4 x 2 5/8 in. (21.9 x 21 x 6.7 cm)