



Head Crest Mask

Date

20th century

Primary Maker

Artist Unknown

Medium

wood, pigment, raffia, cane and flashlight bulbs

Description

People of the forest of southern Cameroon and the Tikar of the Eastern Grassfields are descendents of the ancestors of the powerful Bamum Kingdom and numerous smaller chiefdoms of the Bamileke and Western Grassfields. Each village owns a group of head crest masks that appear on occasions that demonstrate the power and authority of the chief.

Dimensions

Overall: 17 1/2 x 17 x 17 5/8 in. (44.5 x 43.2 x 44.8 cm)