



Face Mask (Elu)

Date

not dated

Primary Maker

Ogoni people

Medium

wood and paint

Description

This spirit (elu) mask with articulated jaw is used in social regulatory masquerades in Ogoni villages. It is one of the stereotypical characters that embody, among other things, desirable social goals. With its derby hat, this mask suggests the ideal of accumulation of wealth in the modern world.

Dimensions

Overall: 7 1/8 x 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 in. (18.1 x 11.4 x 11.4 cm)