



Ancestral Stool (Erhe)

Date

probably 19th century

Primary Maker

Benin Kingdom

Medium

wood and iron

Description

The base and underside of the seat are carved with images of turtles, fish, and pythons swallowing frogs, all inhabitants of the realm of Olokun, the god of water. The wooden stools of chiefs are similar in form to the brass stool of the king (Oba).

Dimensions

Overall: 15 x 16 x 16 1/8 in. (38.1 x 40.6 x 41 cm)