

Basic Detail Report



Face Mask (Elu)

Date

not dated

Primary Maker

Ogoni people

Medium

wood and paint

Description

The best-known type of Ogoni mask is like this one: very small, barely covering the wearer's face, with delicate features, an up-turned nose, and full, flaring lips. The entire lower portion of the face is slashes through across the lips from one side of the face to the other; it drops open to reveal a row of teeth made from split cane. The masks represent spirits (elu) and appear at a variety of masquerades.

Dimensions

Overall: 7 5/8 x 5 1/2 x 4 1/2 in. (19.4 x 14 x 11.4 cm)