



Face Mask (Elu)

Date

not dated

Primary Maker

Ogoni people

Medium

wood and paint

Description

If this mask's headgear is a policeman's cap, as it seems to be, then it represents an important, colonial-era or later character very appropriate to the regulatory function of the masquerade performance. The white face indicates it is a spirit (elu). It has the hinged lower jar characteristic of Ogoni masks and puppets.

Dimensions

Overall: 8 1/4 x 5 3/8 x 4 1/8 in. (21 x 13.7 x 10.5 cm)