

19th century carved wood yam mask Washkuk Minja Kwoma people.

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Height: 23 cm (9.1")

Width: 14 cm (5.5")

Depth: 5 cm (2")

Description

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The Washkuk Minja Kwoma yam mask, from Papua New Guinea, is a ceremonial artefact used in traditional yam harvest rituals. Carved from wood and elaborately decorated, the mask symbolises fertility and agricultural prosperity. Its intricate designs and vibrant colours reflect the cultural significance of yams in Kwoma society and their spiritual beliefs.

This is one of part of a collection purchased from the estate of a collector of original tribal artefacts.