

19th century carved wood Abelam Yam mask Papua New Guinea

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Height: 52 cm (20.5")

Width: 20 cm (7.9")

Depth: 8 cm (3.1")

Description

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The Abelam Yam mask, created by the Abelam people of Papua New Guinea, is used in traditional yam festivals to honor agricultural deities. These masks are intricately carved and decorated, often featuring exaggerated features and vibrant colours. They symbolise prosperity and fertility, playing a central role in cultural ceremonies and celebrations.

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