

Nom : Mask Boki

Description : Mask, Boki peoples, middle Cross River region, Nigeria, Late 19th to early 20th century, Wood, paint, metal

The degree of realism and expressiveness captured on this pigment-covered crest mask links it stylistically to the skin-covered masks found among several Cross River groups. Like them, it probably was used by a traditional warrior or age-grade association. The dramatically curving horns probably represent a hairstyle and the conical objects at their base may be hair ornaments.

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