A000-Mask-Afr-Burkina Faso- Mossi Karanga- Second half 20th century

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Mossi Culture-Karanga Mask

Origin: Burkina Faso

Size : 27.559 inches  
Weight: 1.303 pounds  
Material: Wood

Date: Second half 20th century

Among the Baga carved wood serpents represent the spirit Basonyi, patron of two lower ranks of the male initiation society called to-lom. Manipulated by several men in performance, the headdress is decorated with streamers and supported on a scaffolding covered in palm leaves and cloth. The snake maybe a python-symbol of water and the rainbow whose changing colors are likened to the transformation of young boys into men during initiation. Very good condition. cv 900

