Oceania-INDO-Dayak-Female guardian of the menses hut-Limestone-19th c



Dayak stone apotropaic figure, 15 inches tall, ca. 1910. Ex Bourke Estate, New York City, 2014.

This figure shows a female guardian of the menses hut for girls entering womanhood. The bird above indicated a symbol of fertility.



This plaque would have been fastened on the hut through the attachment holes shown on the reverse.

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