

19th century Mbuya Village Mask Democratic Republic of the Congo

£250



Description

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The mask is made of wood and clay, decorated with cowrie shells, and with a cloth head covering.

Wood and clay Mbuya Village masks, from the Mbuya people of East Africa, are traditionally used in ceremonial dances and rites. Carved from wood and adorned with clay elements, these masks often feature symbolic patterns and vivid colours. They represent ancestral spirits and deities, reflecting the community's rich cultural and spiritual heritage.

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