Object: Mask

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Inventory 1930.7055
number:

## **Description**

Wooden mask that is painted red and has an elongated face and a pointed, crooked nose. On the forehead is a dragon- or lizard-like animal. The nose is doubly perforated on the right and the small eyes as well as the mouth are cut out. At the left edge a series of six holes is proceeding. The marginal perforation served for affixing tufts of plant fibre. It is probably an ancestral mask that was used during ceremonies.

The mask comes from the region of the lower Sepik.

The object comes from the collection of pharmacist, writer and doctor Albert Daiber (1857 - 1928), who undertook a journey to the South Seas from April to September 1900, which took him to then German and British colonial territories. Stops included Australia, the Bismarck Archipelago, the eastern part of the island of New Guinea, the Caroline Islands, the Mariana Islands and China (Hong Kong). Daiber described his experiences in the published travelogue "Eine Australien- und Südseefahrt" from 1902. In 1909, Albert Daiber emigrated to Chile. Beforehand he has given the collected objects from his voyage to Otto Leube in Ulm, who initially stored the collection and after Albert Daiber's death gave it to the Museum of the City of Ulm as a deposit in 1930.

#### Basic data

Material/Technique: Wood; carved, painted
Measurements: H 42 cm, W 18 cm, D 7 cm

#### **Events**

Created When 1900

Who

Where Sepik-Gebiet

Owned When 1900s

Who Albert Daiber (1857-1928)

Where

Owned When 1909-1930

Who Otto Leube (1870-1964)

Where Ulm

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to location]

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Where Melanesia

[Relationship

to location]

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When

Where Insular Oceania

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to location]

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When

Where Unterer Sepik

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to location]

Who

Where Papua New Guinea

# **Keywords**

- Colonialism
- Colony
- Koloniale Kontexte
- Kolonialzeit
- Mask

### Literature

• Daiber, Albert (1902): Eine Australien- und Südseefahrt. Leipzig