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General Provenience: MELANESIA New Guinea: Papua

Where collected:

Tribe:

Where made:

People:

Attribution: Torres Straits

Culture:

Brief description: Turtle-shell mask

Detailed description: Turtle-shell mask; plates secured to each other with fine sennit cord; black human hair hair and beard. almond-shaped eyes; incised eyebrows; loop in end of nose; left ear missing; multiple holes in right ear which is tied on. Rudimentary turtle-shell crest tied on. This must

See reverse

DIMENSIONS (in cm.): have been much larger.

length: 32.0

height:

diameter:

width: 21.0

circumference:

Fuller Collection: Purchased from Captain A. W. F. Fuller of London, England, in 1958
Acquired by Fuller on April 30, 1930.

Purchased by Fuller at Sotheby's auction rooms in 1930 (April 30) for 30 or 40 pounds. Illustrated in Plate II of the sale catalog and described on page 10 as follows:

"50 A TORRES STRAITS CEREMONIAL DANCING MASK made of tortoise-shell decorated with human hair and beard, 13½ in., a rare and unusual specimen"

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