

Basic Detail Report

Kalabari Screen Figures (Duein Fubara)

Date

late 19th century

Primary Maker

Pokia family

Medium

Wood, ochres, vegetable fibers, and iron nails

Description

This is a wood sculpture measuring 30 x 35 inches overall of a five half-length male figurative shrine sculptures (each described as an "Ancestral Screen") carved of wood and decorated with white ochre and indigo, the indigo subsequently retouched with bluing. The figures' adjustable arms are attached with iron nails. The central figure holds a sword and skull and wears a ceremonial crown (a Sansun hat). The two figures directly on either side wear top hats. The black wooden support and backdrop are not original to the figures.

Dimensions

30 x 35 x 5 1/4 in. (76.2 x 88.9 x 13.3 cm) Figure 1 (L to R): 9 x 4 1/4 x 6 in. (22.9 x 10.8 x 15.2 cm) Figure 2 (L to R): 12 3/4 x 6 x 6 1/2 in. (32.4 x 15.2 x 16.5 cm) Figure 3 - Central : 29 x 10 x 8 3/4 in. (73.7 x 25.4 x 22.2 cm) Figure 4 (L to R): 13 x 6 x 7 1/2 in. (33 x 15.2 x 19.1 cm) Figure 5 (L to R): 10 x 4 x 5 3/4 in. (25.4 x 10.2 x 14.6 cm)