

## Spirit mask



### **What is it?**

This mask from Gabon portrays a beautiful female spirit.

### **What is it for?**

It is worn by male dancers at funerals and celebrations of important members of the community.

### **How was it made?**

It was made in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century by a tribe called The Punu. The Punu people made beautiful masks from wood, clay and raffia. They painted them with pigment. A white mask represented the ghost of an ancestor from the afterworld.