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Murik Lakes Amulet Mask

A small amulet ancestor mask carved with totemic animal on the forehead. These minute masks were worn attached to the man's bag. The mask is of classic format with the slanted oval eyes over a powerful pointed nose showing the nasal ornament. The mask shows a dentate beard and the bucal area is incised with deep motifs. There are traces of an unidentified old inventory number in white paint on the inside of the mask.

Murik Lakes, Coastal Area, Lower Sepik, PNG, Melanesia. Hard wood with traces of pigment and a patina of age and wear. 18,7 cm. 19/20th century.

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