



Sepik Ladder

A large and well-carved ladder from the main entrance of a Mens House. Representing an elongated and highly stylized crocodile, the ladder has seven, deeply carved, steps between the powerfully carved ancestral head at the base and the zoomorphic head at the top. Watam village, Lower Sepik, PNG. Wood (alstonia ?) with a good patina of age and wear with some lacunae. 253 cm. Early to mid 20th century.