



Skull

Not on display

Title/Description: Skull

Object Type: Figure, Head

Materials: Bone, Fibre, Pigment

Measurements: h. 201 x w. 248 x d. 245 mm

Accession Number: 245

Production Place: Africa, Bakongo province, Congo

Cultural Group: Wili

Credit Line: Donated by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1973

This object consists of a gorilla skull enclosed in woven basketry. The red eye sockets are contrasted with the main black area of the skull which is in turn set against a further white area. This is then framed by the first rib of basketry. Whilst the eye sockets remain empty, the nasal cavity appears to have been stuffed with a grassy material or fibre.

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Provenance

Purchased by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury from René Rasmussen in 1971.

Donated to the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia in 1973 as part of the original gift.
