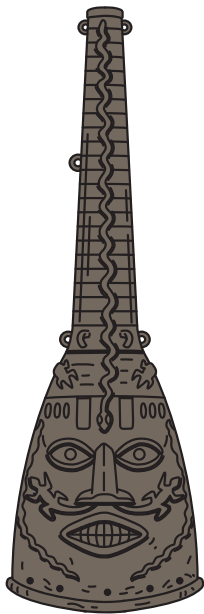


ARO ODODUA

Ododua Mask



Aro Ododua are ritual masks that have two forms: male – Uwẹn – and female – Ọra. The male is identified by the four suborbital marks that identify a Benin man. Uwẹn guarantees that the Ọba survives at war, no matter how terrible the war is. Ọra guarantees the productivity of the Ọba, as he must always have children. They are also known as the two royal deities – Ẹbọ n'ẹdo.

