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KUBA BEADED PRESTIGE CAP

\$880

c. 1950 • Democratic Republic of Congo • Bead, Fabric • Collection #CPFW006D

H: 10.0" Dia: 5.5"

This petite cone-shaped cap, known as laket, was created by an artisan of the Kuba peoples of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The base is made of a simple woven raffia fabric, which was then embellished with a pattern of cowrie shells and colorful beads. Secured to the head by a metal pin, such caps were worn to signal one's personal and cultural status within the Kuba political hierarchies. Conical lakets such as this were typically worn by title-holding men, and expensive cowrie shells signal a high-ranking title. Continued...



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