

# Spirit Ritual Ancestor Figure, Mindimbit, Papua New Guinea.



Mindimbit figures are notable for the use of finely detailed chip carving accentuated with red clay and white lime paint.

Ancestor Figures like this ones represented important clan ancestors, and each figure had a personal name.

These figures brought protection to the clans that owned them, they were kept in the Men's Ceremonial Houses along with sacred musical instruments like pairs of flutes and slit gong drums that were used during the initiation of young men.

Field collected from Mindimbit, PNG, late 20th century.

Height – 46 cm   Width – 11 cm   Depth – 7 cm

