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Collection Overview

Repository:	Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art
Title:	Leon de Sousberghe photographs
Identifier:	EEPA.1999-010
Date:	1955-1957
Extent:	212 slides (photographs) (color) 1 map (black & white; 50 x 70 cm.) 1 map (color; 40 x 53 cm.)
Creator:	Sousberghe, Léon de
Language:	Multiple languages
Summary:	Photographs taken among the Pende peoples in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the years 1955-1957. Publications used for identifying and describing the collection photographs include "L'Art Pende" (Bruxelles: Académie royale de Belgique, 1958) and "Les danses rituelles Mungonge et Kelas des Bapende" (Académie royale des sciences coloniales, 1956), both by Léon de Sousberghe; "Inventing Masks: Agency and History in the Art of the Central Pende" by Z.S. Strother (The University of Chicago Press, 1998); and, from "Secrecy: African Art that Conceals and Reveals" Mary H. Nooter, ed. (New York: Museum for African Art, 1993), Z.S. Strother's article, "The Physical and Social Boundaries of Secrecy: Eastern Pende Constuctions of Secrecy," pp. 157-178.
Container:	Item 212

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Leon de Sousberghe, 1999.

Restrictions

Use of original records requires an appointment. Contact Archives staff for more details.

Conditions Governing Use

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Arrangement

Images indexed by negative number.

organized in slide filing cabinet;arranged numerically by image number.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Cultures:

Pende (African people)

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Geographic Names:

Africa

Congo (Democratic Republic)

Container Listing

Pende [Mungonge at Kondo], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

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Local Numbers

LS 075

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Mungonge at Kondo], [ca. 1957]
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LS 069

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Topic: Body arts
Headdresses -- headgear -- Africa
Pende (African people)
Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

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Topic: Body arts
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Pende (African people)
Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

Place: Africa
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Pende (African people)
Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

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Pende (African people)
Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

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Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

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Headdresses -- headgear -- Africa
Pende (African people)
Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Grande plate-forme at Kondo, [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying caption reads, " Village Kondo. Sud de Katundu. Entre le Kwilu et le Loange." Translated original caption reads, " Pende. Dance floor at Kondo. South of Katundu. Between the Kwilu river and the Loange river."

De Sousberghe photographed a ritual ceremony at Kondo in the South-Central Pendeland.

Local Numbers

LS 183

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Body arts
Hairstyles -- Africa
Pende (African people)
Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Grande plate-forme at Kondo, [ca. 1957]

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Hairstyles -- Africa
Pende (African people)
Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

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Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

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Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

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Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
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Local Numbers

LS 101

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

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LS 102

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Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

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Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. 2 masques Tundu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, "Two dancers performing the mask Tundu at Nioka."

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Local Numbers

LS 090

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Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

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Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

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Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

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Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]

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Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. Masque Pumbu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Dancer performing the mask Pumbu at the village of Nioka."

De Sousberghe photographed a dancer performing the mask Pumbu at a masquerade at "Nyoka-Mulenga" (Central Pende), which was misnamed "Nyoka-Kakese" during the early colonial period, ca 1955-57. The Pumbu headpieces of the Central and Eastern Pende bear few physical resemblance to each other. Yet the core of their dance is identical and the two forms of the headpieces convey the same aesthetic of fear. Pumbu, as conceived by the Central Pende, has been domesticated into a character of folklore, the chief's executioner who is on the prowl, looking for a victim to protect the chief's ritual house. For the Eastern Pende, the mask represents something more. They have transformed Pumbu into a counterpart of Kipoko. Whereas any chief may own Kipoko, Pumbu is a mask reserved for a few of the most powerful chiefs. It dances only when special problems occur.

Local Numbers

LS 093

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Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]

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Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying de Sousberghe caption reads, " Danse masque Pumbu à Nioka." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Dancer performing the mask Pumbu at Nioka."

De Sousberghe photographed a dancer performing the mask Pumbu at a masquerade at "Nyoka-Mulenga" (Central Pende), which was misnamed "Nyoka-Kakese" during the early colonial period, ca 1955-57. The Pumbu headpieces of the Central and Eastern Pende bear few physical resemblance to each other. Yet the core of their dance is identical and the two forms of the headpieces convey the same aesthetic of fear. Pumbu, as conceived by the Central Pende, has been domesticated into a character of folklore, the chief's executioner who is on the prowl, looking for a victim to protect the chief's ritual house. For the Eastern Pende, the mask represent something more. They have transformed Pumbu into a counterpart of Kipoko. Whereas any chief may own Kipoko, Pumbu is a mask reserved for a few of the most powerful chiefs. It dances only when special problems occur.

Local Numbers

LS 203

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Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

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Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. Masque Mbungu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Dancers performing the mask Mbungu at Nioka."

In the 1910-30s, a series of older men among the Central Pende of the Democratic Republic of Congo invented and sold concessions to a revolutionary category of masks: "Mbuya jia Mafuzo". In serious decline by the 1950s, the "Mafuzo" masks have all but disappeared since independence in 1960. De Sousberghe photographed a series of "Mafuzo" masks at "Nyoka-Mulenga", which was misnamed "Nyoka-Kakese" during the early colonial period. Although of considerable documentary importance, these transparencies testify to the decline that the "Mbuya jia Mafuzo" had suffered by the 1950s. Performers agreed to show Pagasa, Mbungu, Kolombolo, and others all at the same masquerade, in full sunshine for better photography, and were not always careful to keep the crowd at a proper distance. The "Mbuya jia Mafuzo" mask Mbungu, also refer to as Gihundundu in the north, carries the theme of menace and sorcery. The dancers of Mbungu, which is composed of two larged stuffed figures representing a man and a woman, would use thin strings to make wave and move their arms in a naturalistic fashion.

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Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

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Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. Masque Mbungu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Dancers performing the mask Mbungu at Nioka."

In the 1910-30s, a series of older men among the Central Pende of the Democratic Republic of Congo invented and sold concessions to a revolutionary category of masks: "Mbuya jia Mafuzo". In serious decline by the 1950s, the "Mafuzo" masks have all but disappeared since independence in 1960. De Sousberghe photographed a series of "Mafuzo" masks at "Nyoka-Mulenga", which was misnamed "Nyoka-Kakese" during the early colonial period, ca 1955-57. Although of considerable documentary importance, these transparencies testify to the decline that the "Mbuya jia Mafuzo" had suffered by the 1950s. Performers agreed to show Pagasa, Mbungu, Kolombolo, and others all at the same masquerade, in full sunshine for better photography, and were not always careful to keep the crowd at a proper distance. The "Mbuya jia Mafuzo" mask Mbungu, also refer to as Gihundundu in the north, carries the theme of menace and sorcery. The dancers of Mbungu, which is composed of two larged stuffed figures representing a man and a woman, would use thin strings to make wave and move their arms in a naturalistic fashion.

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Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. Masque Mbungu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, "Dancers performing the mask Mbungu at Nioka."

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of two larged stuffed figures representing a man and a woman, would use thin strings to make them wave and move their arms in a naturalistic fashion.

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Masquerades
Pende (African people)

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Congo (Democratic Republic)

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Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. Mbungu."
Translated original accompanying caption reads, "Dancers performing the mask Mbungu at Nioka."

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Masquerades

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Congo (Democratic Republic)
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Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. Masque Pakasa." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Dancer performing the mask Pakasa at Nioka."

In the 1910-30s, a series of older men among the Central Pende of the Democratic Republic of Congo invented and sold concessions to a revolutionary category of masks: "Mbuya jia Mafuzo". In serious decline by the 1950s, the "Mafuzo" masks have all but disappeared since independence in 1960. De Sousberghe photographed a series of "Mafuzo" masks at "Nyoka-Mulenga", which was misnamed "Nyoka-Kakese" during the early colonial period, ca 1955-57. Although of considerable documentary importance, these transparencies testify to the decline that the "Mbuya jia Mafuzo" had suffered by the 1950s. Performers agreed to show Pagasa, Mbungu, Kolombolo, and others all at the same masquerade, in full sunshine for better photography, and were not always careful to keep the crowd at a proper distance. The largest subset of the "Mbuya jia Mafuzo" depict dangerous animals of the bush: the Cape buffalo, the leopard, the lion, the crocodile, the snake, the elephant. The Central Pende mask Pagasa has no direct link with the men's fraternity in contrast with the mask depicting the Cape buffalo among the Eastern Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 083

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Animals in art -- Buffalo
Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. Masque Pakasa." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Dancer performing the mask Pakasa at Nioka."

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LS 084

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 Animals in art -- Buffalo
 Clothing and dress -- Africa
 Masks
 Masquerades
 Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. Masque Pakasa." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Dancer performing the mask Pakasa at Nioka."

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 Clothing and dress -- Africa
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 Masquerades
 Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. Masque Pakasa." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Dancer performing the mask Pakasa at Nioka."

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Animals in art -- Buffalo
Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Buffalo
Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks

Masquerades
Pende (African people)
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. Masque Kolombolo." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Dancer performing the mask Kolombolo at Nioka."

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Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, "Village Nioka. Masque Kolombolo." Translated original accompanying caption reads, "Dancer performing the mask Kolombolo at Nioka."

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Pende (African people)

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Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. Masque Kolombolo." Translated original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Dancer performing the mask Kolombolo at Nioka."

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Masquerades
Pende (African people)

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Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. Nganga Ngombo : homme et femme." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Nganga Ngombo : man and woman."

In the 1910-30s, a series of older men among the Central Pende of the Democratic Republic of Congo invented and sold concessions to a revolutionary category of masks: "Mbuya jia Mafuzo". In serious decline by the 1950s, the "Mafuzo" masks have all but disappeared since independence in 1960. De Sousberghe photographed a series of "Mafuzo" masks at "Nyoka-Mulenga", which was misnamed "Nyoka-Kakese" during the early colonial period, ca 1955-57. Although of considerable documentary importance, these transparencies testify to the decline that the "Mbuya jia Mafuzo" had suffered by the 1950s. Performers agreed to show Pagasa, Mbungu, Kolombolo, and others all at the same masquerade, in full sunshine for better photography, and were not always careful to keep the crowd at a proper distance. The "Mbuya jia Mafuzo" enact visions of devouring power barely kept at bay on the outskirts of the village. The "Mafuzo" mask Nganga Ngombo, also called Tata Gambinda, represents the familiar theme of the diviner important to Pende life.

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Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nioka. Nganga Ngombo : femme." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Nganga Ngombo : woman."

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Masquerades
Pende (African people)

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Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Nyoka-Kakese], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Participants à une danse." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Participants to a masquerade."

De Sousberghe photographed dancers performing at a masquerade at "Nyoka-Mulenga", which was misnamed "Nyoka-Kakese" during the early colonial period, ca 1955-57.

Local Numbers

LS 091

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Topic: Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

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Pende [Masquerade at Lufushi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Lufushi. Masques: 1 Giwoyo + 2 Tundu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Masks: a Giwoyo and two Tundu."

De Sousberghe photographed dancers performing the mask Giwoyo and the masks Tundu at a masquerade at Lufushi (Central Pende). For the Central Pende, Giwoyo, also known as Kiwoyo among the Eastern Pende, is universally described as one of the very old masks, one that came from Angola. It is possible that Giwoyo might represent an archaic survival of a ritual in which the masquerade ushered the spirit of the departed out of the village. For that reason, part of Giwoyo's dance take place on his knees at the outskirts of the village. Also, Tundu is a mask that represents the notion of anti-aesthetic. His grotesque form and behavior show to us how ludicrous we look when we disregard social conventions and think only of ourselves. Tundu has always shown a great variety of forms and is sometimes called the "chief of the dance floor" because he is always present from the beginning to the end.

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Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

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Pende [Masquerade at Lufushi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Lufushi. Masque Giwoyo + 2 Tundu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Giwoyo mask and two Tundu masks at the village of Lufushi."

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Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

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Pende [Masquerade at Lufushi], [ca. 1957]

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Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

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Pende [Masquerade at Lufushi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Danse du masque Kambanda." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Dancer performing the mask Kambanda."

De Sousberghe photographed a dancer performing the mask Kambanda at a masquerade at Lufushi (Central Pende). "Mbuya jia mukhetu", the female mask, also known as Gambanda among the Central Pende or Kambanda among the Eastern Pende, represents the contemporary fashionable young woman across all Pende country. In addition, the Central Pende have developed a plethora of names for masks in this genre that reflect the different dances that the mask may perform: Galuhenge, Gagilembelembe, Gatambi a Imbuanda, Gakholo, Gabugu, Odoma, Elisa Solo and Gahunga a Sshishi.

Local Numbers

LS 082

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Lufushi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Masque Lufushi - Fumu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Lufushi - Fumu mask."

De Sousberghe photographed dancers performing the mask Fumu at a masquerade at Lufushi (Central Pende). Fumu is a mask that represents the chief. He is very widespread among the Central Pende but is unknown among the Eastern Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 204

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa

Masks

Masquerades

Pende (African people)

Place: Africa

Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Lufushi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Masque Lufushi - Fumu et 2 Tundu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Lufushi - Fumu and 2 Tundu masks."

De Sousberghe photographed dancers performing the mask Fumu and the masks Tundu at a masquerade at Lufushi (Central Pende). Fumu is a mask that represents the chief. He is very widespread among the Central Pende but is unknown among the Eastern Pende. Also, Tundu is a mask that represents the notion of anti-aesthetic. His grotesque form and behavior show to us how ludicrous we look when we disregard social conventions and think only of ourselves. Tundu has always shown a great variety of forms and is sometimes called the "chief of the dance floor" because he is always present from the beginning to the end.

Local Numbers

LS 207

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Lufushi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Masque Lufushi - Fumu et 2 Tundu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Lufushi - Fumu and 2 Tundu masks." Dancers performing the mask Fumu and the masks Tundu at the village of Lufushi.

De Sousberghe photographed dancers performing the mask Fumu and the masks Tundu at a masquerade at Lufushi (Central Pende). Fumu is a mask that represents the chief. He is very widespread among the Central Pende but is unknown among the Eastern Pende. Also, Tundu is a mask that represents the notion of anti-aesthetic. His grotesque form and behavior show to us how ludicrous we look when we disregard social conventions and think only of ourselves. Tundu has always shown a great variety of forms and is sometimes called the "chief of the dance floor" because he is always present from the beginning to the end.

Local Numbers

LS 208

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Lufushi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Masque Lufushi." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Lufushi mask."

De Sousberghe photographed dancers performing at a masquerade at Lufushi (Central Pende).

Local Numbers

LS 209

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Headdresses -- headgear -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Lufushi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Masque Lufushi."
Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Lufushi mask."

De Sousberghe photographed dancers performing at a masquerade at Lufushi (Central Pende).

Local Numbers

LS 210

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Headdresses -- headgear -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Lufushi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Masque Lufushi."
Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Lufushi mask."

De Sousberghe photographed dancers performing at a masquerade at Lufushi (Central Pende).

Local Numbers

LS 211

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Headdresses -- headgear -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngimbu], 1952

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village de Ngimbu. Danse masquée. Ngimbu, près de Njinji. Giphogo et Phota." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Masquerade. Village of Ngimbu, near Njinji. Giphogo and Phota."

Pota's dance is difficult to isolate among the Eastern Pende because it shares so much with that of Kipoko. In fact, the mask has evolved into becoming something of an adjunct for Kipoko. De Sousberghe photographed Pota aiding Kipoko in healing by dancing over the ill in 1952 at Ngimbu (Eastern Pende). Kipoko, Pota and Gambanda, the "female mask" following the two, were the three masks performing at that ritual masquerade.

Local Numbers

LS 054

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngimbu], 1952

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Ngimbu, près de Njinji. Giphogo et Phota." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Ngimbu, near Njinji. Giphogo and Phota."

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Local Numbers

LS 063

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngimbu], 1952

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Danse masquée. Ngimbu, près de Njinji. Giphogo et Phota." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Masquerade. Village of Ngimbu, near Njinji. Giphogo and Phota."

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Local Numbers

LS 055

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngimbu], 1952
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Ngimbu, près de Njinji. Giphogo et Phota." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Ngimbu, near Njinji. Giphogo and Phota." Dancers performing the masks Giphogo and Phota at the village of Ngimbu, near Njinji.

Pota's dance is difficult to isolate among the Eastern Pende because it shares so much with that of Kipoko. In fact, the mask has evolved into becoming something of an adjunct for Kipoko. De Sousberghe photographed Pota aiding Kipoko in healing by dancing over the ill in 1952 at Ngimbu (Eastern Pende). Kipoko, Pota and Gambanda, the "female mask" following the two, were the three masks performing at that ritual masquerade.

Local Numbers

LS 062

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngimbu], 1952
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Danse masquée. Ngimbu, près de Njinji. Giphogo et Phota." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Masquerade. Village of Ngimbu, near Njinji. Giphogo and Phota."

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Kipoko in healing by dancing over the ill in 1952 at Ngimbu (Eastern Pende). Kipoko, Pota and Gambanda, the "female mask" following the two, were the three masks performing at that ritual masquerade.

Local Numbers

LS 056

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngimbu], 1952

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Ngimbu, près de Njinji. Giphogo et Phota." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Ngimbu, near Njinji. Giphogo and Phota."

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Local Numbers

LS 058

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngimbu], 1952

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Ngimbu, près de Njinji. Giphogo et Phota." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Ngimbu, near Njinji. Giphogo and Phota."

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Local Numbers

LS 061

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngimbu], 1952

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Ngimbu, près de Njinji. Giphogo et Phota." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Ngimbu, near Njinji. Giphogo and Phota."

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Local Numbers

LS 057

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa

Dance
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngimbu], 1952
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Ngimbu, près de Njinji. Giphogo et Phota." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Ngimbu, near Njinji. Giphogo and Phota."

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Local Numbers

LS 059

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Dance
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngimbu], 1952
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Danse masquée. Ngimbu, près de Njinji. Giphogo et Phota." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Masquerade. Village of Ngimbu, near Njinji. Giphogo and Phota."

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Local Numbers

LS 060

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Dance
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngimbu], 1952
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " "Gimbanda" dansant après Giphogo à Ngimbu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " "Gimbanda" performing following Giphogo at Ngimbu."

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Title source: Archives staff.

Caption source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

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Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Dance
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngimbu], 1952
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Local Numbers

LS 168

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Dance
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Giphogo mask], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Masque Giphogo." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Giphogo mask."

For Eastern Pende, if the mask Pumbu depicts the courage that the chief must sometimes muster to address life-and-death issues, its pendant mask, the beloved Kipoko, represents everything warm and nurturing about the chief's role. Every chief of every degree has the right to Kipoko. Typically, sculptors exaggerate the mask's eyes, nose, and ears, but render the mouth diminutive or nonexistent. Thus they convey that the chief should benefit from a kind of sensory hyperactivity in order to know everything that is happening in his village.

Local Numbers

LS 043

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Masks
Pende (African people)
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Giphogo mask], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Masque Giphogo."
Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Giphogo mask."

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Local Numbers

LS 045

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Masks
Pende (African people)
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Giphogo mask], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Local Numbers

LS 044

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Masks
Pende (African people)
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Mayombo mask], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Kisanji. Le masque Mayombo des Pende de Longele et Lufuku." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " The Mayombo mask of the Pende living in the Longele and Lufuku region."

For the Kwilu Pende, the most traditional mask is Mayombo, also called Kiniungu. Unfortunately, at the time Leon de Sousberghe was travelling across the Kwilu Pendeland, the mask Mayombo was not in use anymore. As a result, information was difficult to gather.

Local Numbers

LS 155

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Masks
Pende (African people)
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Mayombo mask], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Kisanji. Le masque Mayombo." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " The Mayombo mask at Kisanji."

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Local Numbers

LS 156

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Masks
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngashi], 1956
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, "Ngashi. Les Nioka = hommes-serpents." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Ngashi. The Nioka = snake-men."

In the 1910-30s, a series of older men among the Central Pende of the Democratic Republic of Congo invented and sold concessions to a revolutionary category of masks: "Mbuya jia Mafuzo". In serious decline by the 1950s, the "Mafuzo" masks have all but disappeared since independence in 1960. The largest subset of the "Mbuya jia Mafuzo" depict dangerous animals of the bush: the Cape buffalo, the leopard, the lion, the crocodile, the snake, the elephant. De Sousberghe photographed a performance of Nyoga at Ngashi (Central Pende) in 1956. Dancers usually appear as a pair, performing upright a synchronized, wriggling dance. The dancers do not wear headpieces or face masks. They rely on face-paint and distance to prevent identification.

Local Numbers

LS 166

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Snakes
Body arts
Clothing and dress -- Africa
Headdresses -- headgear -- Africa
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa

Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Ngashi], 1956
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Local Numbers

LS 154

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Snakes
Body arts
Clothing and dress -- Africa
Headdresses -- headgear -- Africa
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade near totshi], 1953
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. Près de Totshi, "mère des masques" qui sortent de dessous sa jupe." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. Near Totshi, "the mother of the masks". The masks are coming out from under her skirt."

In 1953, de Sousberghe photographed a dancer performing the mask Gikuku at the construction of chief Yongo's ritual house near Totshi in the Mushinga

chiefdom (Kwilu Pende). Gikuku is a mask in the shape of a large bust with a small raphia head on top. Under its skirt, Gikuku is hiding several other performers that will appear at some point of the performance.

Local Numbers

LS 180

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Minganji mask], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying caption reads, " Masque Minganji." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Minganji mask."

De Sousberghe photographed a dancer performing the mask Gitenga. One of the many popular masks entirely covered with raffia, it represents the ancestors. Gitenga, sometimes called the mask "sun", is highly recognizable with a mask in the shape of a large disk made of raffia and basket-making and covered with red-paint (mukundu) and kaolin (pembe).

Local Numbers

LS 113

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Kahemba], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Kahemba Mangenda."

De Sousberghe photographed a dancer performing a mask at Kahemba (South-Central Pende).

Local Numbers

LS 178

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Masquerade at Luisa], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Luisa. Masque Kambanda." Translated original accompanying caption reads, "Village of Luisa. Kambanda Mask."

De Sousberghe photographed a dancer performing the mask Kambanda at a masquerade at Luisa (South-Central Pende). "Mbuya jia mukhetu", the female mask, also known as Gambanda among the Central Pende or Kambanda among the Eastern Pende, represents the contemporary fashionable young woman across all Pende country. In addition, the Central Pende have developed a plethora of names for masks in this genre that reflect the different dances that the mask may perform: Galuhenge, Gagilembelembe, Gatambi a Imbuanda, Gakholo, Gabugu, Odoma, Elisa Solo and Gahunga a Sshishi.

Local Numbers

LS 039

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Masks
Masquerades
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa

Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Drum Mondo], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Sangu Mvudi. Tambour." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Sangu Mvudi. Drum."

De Sousberghe photographed a drum belonging to a chief among the Central Pende. This particular drum is called Mondo.

Local Numbers

LS 162

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Musical instruments
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Drum Mondo], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Sangu Mvudi. Rive droite du Kwilu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Sangu Mvudi. Right bank of the Kwilu River."

De Sousberghe photographed a drum belonging to a chief among the Central Pende. This particular drum is called Mondo.

Local Numbers

LS 161

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Musical instruments
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Akwa Mushinga], 1953
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, "Akwa Mushinga. Près de Totshi. Plantation d'un pieu en vue de la construction de la case cheffale." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. Near Totshi. Planting the center pole during the construction of the chief's ritual house."

In 1953, Leon de Sousberghe photographed the construction of chief Yongo's ritual house of the Mushinga chiefdom (Kwilu Pende). By rule, a chief's subjects must build the ritual house in one day. On the day of the construction, the chief, his ministers, and a few helpers rise around 5 a.m., in the pitch dark, to plant the center pole. First they dig a post hole, referred to as the house's stomach. There the minister deposits the crucial seeds and grains that the Pende grow. The secret act of burying representative seeds under the pole in the center of the house puts the life of the village under the ancestors' beneficent protection.

Local Numbers

LS 047

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Headdresses -- headgear -- Africa
Pende (African people)
Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Akwa Mushinga], 1953
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. Près de Totshi. Plantation rituelle d'un pieu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. Near Totshi. The ritual planting of a pole."

In 1953, Leon de Sousberghe photographed the construction of chief Yongo's ritual house of the Mushinga chiefdom (Kwilu Pende). By rule, a chief's subjects must build the ritual house in one day. On the day of the construction, the chief, his ministers, and a few helpers rise around 5 a.m., in the pitch dark, to plant the center pole. First they dig a post hole, referred to as the house's stomach. There the minister deposits the crucial seeds and grains that the Pende grow.

The secret act of burying representative seeds under the pole in the center of the house puts the life of the village under the ancestors' beneficent protection.

Local Numbers

LS 048

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Headdresses -- headgear -- Africa
Pende (African people)
Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Akwa Mushinga], 1953
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. Près de Totshi. Plantation rituelle d'un pieu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, "Akwa Mushinga. Near Totshi. The ritual planting of a pole."

In 1953, Leon de Sousberghe photographed the construction of chief Yongo's ritual house of the Mushinga chiefdom (Kwilu Pende). By rule, a chief's subjects must build the ritual house in one day. On the day of the construction, the chief, his ministers, and a few helpers rise around 5 a.m., in the pitch dark, to plant the center pole. First they dig a post hole, referred to as the house's stomach. There the minister deposits the crucial seeds and grains that the Pende grow. The secret act of burying representative seeds under the pole in the center of the house puts the life of the village under the ancestors' beneficent protection.

Local Numbers

LS 049

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Headdresses -- headgear -- Africa
Pende (African people)
Rites and ceremonies -- Africa

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Akwa Mushinga], 1953

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. Case neuve du chef Yongo." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. The new ritual house of chief Yongo."

In 1953, Leon de Sousberghe photographed the construction of chief Yongo's ritual house in the Mushinga chiefdom (Kwilu Pende). By rule, a chief's subjects must build the ritual house in one day. On the day of the construction, the chief, his ministers, and a few helpers rise around 5 a.m., in the pitch dark, to plant the center pole. First they dig a post hole, referred to as the house's stomach. There the minister deposits the crucial seeds and grains that the Pende grow. The secret act of burying representative seeds under the pole in the center of the house puts the life of the village under the ancestors' beneficent protection.

Local Numbers

LS 019

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Rites and ceremonies -- Africa
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Akwa Mushinga], 1953

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. Case cheffale neuve du chef Yongo." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. The new ritual house of chief Yongo."

In 1953, de Sousberghe photographed the rooftop sculpture of chief Yongo's ritual house of the Mushinga chiefdom (Kwilu Pende). Among the Kwilu Pende, the majority of the rooftop sculptures depicted a bird (Khumbi) on top of a human figure. While the rooftop sculpture, resting on the center pole, functions primarily to protect the village, it is also associated in popular folklore with the chief's initiation in sorcery.

Local Numbers

LS 016

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Birds
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Akwa Mushinga], 1953
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. Case cheffale neuve du chef Yongo." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. The new ritual house of chief Yongo."

In 1953, de Sousberghe photographed the rooftop sculpture of chief Yongo's ritual house of the Mushinga chiefdom (Kwilu Pende). Among the Kwilu Pende, the majority of the rooftop sculptures depicted a bird (Khumbi) on top of a human figure. While the rooftop sculpture, resting on the center pole, functions primarily to protect the village, it is also associated in popular folklore with the chief's initiation in sorcery.

Local Numbers

LS 017

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Birds
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Akwa Mushinga], 1953
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. Case neuve du chef Yongo (à l'avant-plan)." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. The new ritual house of chief Yongo (in the foreground)."

In 1953, de Sousberghe photographed the rooftop sculpture of chief Yongo's ritual house of the Mushinga chiefdom (Kwilu Pende). Among the Kwilu Pende, the majority of the rooftop sculptures depicted a bird (Khumbi) on top of a human figure. While the rooftop sculpture, resting on the center pole, functions primarily to protect the village, it is also associated in popular folklore with the chief's initiation in sorcery.

Local Numbers

LS 018

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Birds
 Cultural landscapes
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Akwa Mushinga], 1953
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. Case cheffale neuve du chef Yongo." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. The new ritual house of chief Yongo."

In 1953, de Sousberghe photographed the rooftop sculpture of chief Yongo's ritual house of the Mushinga chiefdom (Kwilu Pende). Among the Kwilu Pende, the majority of the rooftop sculptures depicted a bird (Khumbi) on top of a human figure. While the rooftop sculpture, resting on the center pole, functions primarily to protect the village, it is also associated in popular folklore with the chief's initiation in sorcery.

Local Numbers

LS 020

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Birds
 Cultural landscapes
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Akwa Mushinga], 1953
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. Faïte de case cheffale neuve construite en un jour." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Akwa Mushinga. Rooftop of a new chief's ritual house built in one day."

In 1953, de Sousberghe photographed the rooftop sculpture of chief Yongo's ritual house of the Mushinga chiefdom (Kwilu Pende). Among the Kwilu Pende, the majority of the rooftop sculptures depicted a bird (Khumbi) on top of a human figure. While the rooftop sculpture, resting on the center pole, functions primarily to protect the village, it is also associated in popular folklore with the chief's initiation in sorcery.

Local Numbers

LS 050

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Birds
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto], 1955
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Kombo-Kiboto. Près de Njinji (Kasaï)." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Kombo-Kiboto. Near Njinji (Kasaï)."

The kibulu is the chief's ritual house and enclosure. Only a chief's house would have such an enclosure. The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the

development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Citation source: Archives staff.

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Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto], 1955
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, "Case cheffale à Kombo-Kiboto." Translated original accompanying caption reads, "Chief's ritual house at Kombo- Kiboto."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 109

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving

Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-kiboto], 1955
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Kombo-Kiboto." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Kombo- Kiboto."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 133

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-kiboto], 1955
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Title source: Archives staff.

Caption source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

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Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto], 1955
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, "Case cheffale à Kombo-Kiboto, près de Njinji." Translated original accompanying caption reads, "Chief's ritual house at Kombo- Kiboto, near Njinji."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 171

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto], 1955

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Kombo-Kiboto. Pièce faïtière (maternité), près de Njinji." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Kombo-Kiboto, near Njinji. Mother-and-child rooftop sculpture."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 197

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto], 1955

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Kombo-Kiboto. Près de Njinji (Kasai)." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Kombo-Kiboto. near Njinji (Kasai)."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop

sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 144

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Kombo-Kiboto, près de Njinji (Kasai)." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Kombo- Kiboto, near Njinji (Kasai)."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 200

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Kombo-Kiboto." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Kombo- Kiboto."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 134

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Entrée case cheffale à Kombo-Kiboto." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Doorway of the chief's ritual house at Kombo- Kiboto."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels of the chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto (Eastern Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 135

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Entrée case cheffale à Kombo-Kiboto." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Doorway of the chief's ritual house at Kombo- Kiboto."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels of the chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto (Eastern Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 136

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo- kiboto], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Entrée case cheffale à Kombo-Kiboto." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Doorway of the chief's ritual house at Kombo- Kiboto."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels of the chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto (Eastern Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 141

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Kombo-Kiboto. Panneau porte case cheffale." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Kombo-Kiboto. Door-panel of the chief's ritual house."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels of the chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto (Eastern Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 027

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Entrée de case cheffale à Kombo-Kiboto." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Doorway of the chief's ritual house at Kombo- Kiboto."

For the Eastern Pende, a great chief must have a small court in front, formed by a serried row of stakes or tree slips. A short fence of four or five stakes extends from that wall on each side of the house; the architectural plan thus constructs a narrow oblique path as the only route of access. The form of the palisade (tsungu) shaping the small front court is of great symbolic importance. Warnings abound for outsiders to keep their distance. Some of the stakes in the palisade express the theme of danger and forbidden entry through the metaphoric use of masks from the men's fraternity.

Local Numbers

LS 108

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Kombo-Kiboto. Poteau sculpté." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Kombo-Kiboto. Carved stake."

For the Eastern Pende, a great chief must have a small court in front, formed by a serried row of stakes or tree slips. A short fence of four or five stakes extends from that wall on each side of the house; the architectural plan thus constructs a narrow oblique path as the only route of access. The form of the palisade (tsungu) shaping the small front court is of great symbolic importance. Warnings abound for outsiders to keep their distance. Some of the stakes in the palisade express the theme of danger and forbidden entry through the metaphoric use of masks from the men's fraternity.

Local Numbers

LS 177

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Calabashes
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo-Kiboto], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Kombo-Kiboto. Case cheffale." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Kombo-Kiboto. Chief's ritual house."

For the Eastern Pende, a great chief must have a small court in front, formed by a serried row of stakes or tree slips. A short fence of four or five stakes extends from that wall on each side of the house; the architectural plan thus constructs a narrow oblique path as the only route of access. The form of the palisade (tsungu) shaping the small front court is of great symbolic importance. Warnings abound for outsiders to keep their distance. Some of the stakes in the palisade express the theme of danger and forbidden entry through the metaphoric use of masks from the men's fraternity.

Local Numbers

LS 198

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Wood-carving
Works of art in situ
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Gavudi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Gavudi." Translated original caption reads, " Pende. Chief's ritual house at Gavudi."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 104

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Gavudi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Gavudi." Translated original caption reads, " Pende. Chief's ritual house at Gavudi."

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been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 105

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Gavudi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Pièce faïtière à Gavudi." Translated original caption reads, " Pende. Rooftop sculpture at Gavudi."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 112

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Gavudi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Maternité faitière à Gavudi."

Translated original caption reads, " Pende. Mother-and-child rooftop sculpture at Gavudi."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 114

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Gavudi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Gavudi."

Translated original caption reads, " Pende. Chief's ritual house at Gavudi."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the

rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 202

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombe], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Kombe. Pièce faïtière." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Kombe. Rooftop sculpture."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 25

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombe], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Komba." Translated original caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Komba."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 137

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombe], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Komba." Translated original caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Komba."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 138

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombe], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Kombe." Translated original caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Kombe."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 139

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombe], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Kombe." Translated original caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Kombe."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 140

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombe], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Komba." Translated original caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Komba."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 165

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Nzomba], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nzomba. Pièce faïtière." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Nzomba. Rooftop sculpture."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 026

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Nzomba], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Nzomba." Translated original caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Nzomba."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 124

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Nzomba], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Nzomba." Translated original caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Nzomba."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 125

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa

Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Nzomba], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Nzomba." Translated original caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Nzomba."

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Local Numbers

LS 126

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Nzomba], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Nzomba." Translated original caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Nzomba."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 127

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Nzomba], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Nzomba." Translated original caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Nzomba."

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Local Numbers

LS 123

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Nzomba], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Nzomba." Translated original caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Nzomba."

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Local Numbers

LS 128

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Maternité faitière, [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Translated original caption reads, " Pende. Mother-and-child rooftop sculpture."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 145

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Wood-carving

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Maternité faïtière, [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Translated original caption reads, " Pende. Mother-and-child rooftop sculpture."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 179

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Wood-carving

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kimbangu], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Pièce faïtière à Kimbangu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Rooftop sculpture at Kimbangu."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 079

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Baskets
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kimbangu], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Kimbangu. Case cheffale." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Kimbangu. Chief's ritual house."

The mother-and-child rooftop sculpture is a mid-twentieth-century innovation in a dynamically changing tradition of Eastern Pende royal architectural sculpture first documented by westerners (L. Frobenius) in 1905. The sculptor Kaseya Tambwe Makumbi from the village of Kandolo-Mututwa (Njila chiefdom) has been particularly associated with the development of this particular rooftop sculpture. This theme logically extends the iconographic significance of the rooftop sculpture along the Kasai river which was a woman that usually held the chief's ritual ax (kuba) in her right hand and the calyx (bangwa) in her left hand.

Local Numbers

LS 024

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Baskets
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kisakanga], 1954
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Kisakanga." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Kisakanga."

In 1954, while in Eastern Pendeland, de Sousberghe photographed the chief Kisakanga's rooftop sculpture in the form of a Kipoko mask. The figure's purpose was to announce the presence of secret powers within the chief's residence, while at the same time deterring any would-be malefactors from the sacred space.

Local Numbers

LS 143

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Baskets
 Cultural landscapes
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kisakanga], 1954
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Kisakanga." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Kisakanga."

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Local Numbers

LS 147

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Masks
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kisakanga], 1954
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Local Numbers

LS 146

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Masks
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kisakanga], 1954
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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In 1954, while in Eastern Pendeland, de Sousberghe photographed the chief Kisakanga's rooftop sculpture in the form of a Kipoko mask. The figure's purpose

was to announce the presence of secret powers within the chief's residence, while at the same time deterring any would-be malefactors from the sacred space.

Local Numbers

LS 199

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Masks
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kusakanga], 1954

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Local Numbers

LS 201

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Masks
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kisakanga], 1954
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying de Sousberghe caption reads, " Kisakanga. Case cheffale." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Kisakanga. Chief's ritual house."

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Local Numbers

LS 076

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Masks
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Nyangi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Chief's ritual house."

De Sousberghe photographed the rooftop sculpture of chief Nyange's ritual house. This very rare rooftop sculpture was depicting a hyena (tshimbungu) covered with paint in check pattern. Among the Central and Eastern Pende, lower ranking chiefs would have a rooftop sculpture depicting an animal, resting directly on the ritual center pole.

Local Numbers

LS 129

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Hyenas
Calabashes
Cultural landscapes
Households
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Nyangi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Local Numbers

LS 117

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Hyenas
Calabashes
Cultural landscapes
Households
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Nyangi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Nyangi-Kimbun. Case cheffale." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Nyangi-Kimbun. Chief's ritual house."

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Local Numbers

LS 032

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Hyenas
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Kombo. Pièce faïtière." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Kombo. Rooftop sculpture."

De Sousberghe photographed a rooftop sculpture at Kombo (Eastern Pende). High chiefs would further distinguish their houses from those of subordinates through the addition of a rooftop sculpture. Only the highest order of chiefs, one of those who have the right to launch an initiation to the fraternity, has the right to have a rooftop statue depicting a human figure. Among the Central and Eastern Pende, lower ranking chiefs would have a rooftop sculpture depicting an animal, resting directly on the ritual center pole.

Local Numbers

LS 115

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Birds
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Local Numbers

LS 173

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Birds
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kombo], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Local Numbers

LS 172

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Birds
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house Kwilu Pende], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Rive gauche du Kwilu. Toit en gradin." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Left bank of the Kwilu river. Tier upon tier roof."

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Local Numbers

LS 181

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Birds
 Cultural landscapes
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house near Totshi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Local Numbers

LS 009

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Birds
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house near Totshi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Local Numbers

LS 163

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Birds
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house near Totshi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Pièce faïtière. Région de Totshi. Entre Totshi et Gungu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Rooftop sculpture. Totshi region. Between Totshi and Gungu."

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Local Numbers

LS 041

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Birds
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house near Totshi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Pièce faïtière. Région de Totshi. Entre Totshi et Gungu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Rooftop sculpture. Totshi region. Between Totshi and Gungu."

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Local Numbers

LS 042

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Birds
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house near Totshi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Local Numbers

LS 011

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Birds
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house near Totshi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Local Numbers

LS 012

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house near Totshi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Région de Totshi. Entre Totshi et Gungu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Totshi region. Between Totshi and Gungu."

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Local Numbers

LS 13

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Birds
 Cultural landscapes
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Totshi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Totshi. Pièce faïtière." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Totshi. Rooftop sculpture."

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Local Numbers

LS 010

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Birds
 Cultural landscapes
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Totshi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Totshi. Pièce
faïtière." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Totshi. Rooftop
sculpture."

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Muhungu of the Mukulu chiefdom. While the rooftop sculpture, resting on the
center pole, functions primarily to protect the village, it is also associated in
popular folklore with the chief's initiation in sorcery.

Local Numbers

LS 015

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Birds
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house near Totshi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Shimuna, près de Totshi. Sommet case: pintade et janus." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Shimuna, near Totshi. Rooftop: guinea-fowl and Janus figure."

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Local Numbers

LS 191

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Birds
 Cultural landscapes
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house near Totshi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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Local Numbers

LS 192

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Birds
 Cultural landscapes
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Totshi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Totshi. Case cheffale." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Totshi. Chief's ritual house."

De Sousberghe photographed chief's ritual houses across the Shimuna chiefdom (Kwilu Pende).

Local Numbers

LS 014

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Rooftop sculpture], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Pièce faîtière." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Rooftop sculpture."

Local Numbers

LS 046

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Wood-carving
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Rooftop sculpture], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Pièce faïtière."
Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Rooftop sculpture."

Local Numbers

LS 051

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Wood-carving
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Rooftop sculpture and door-panel], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Pièce faïtière et
panneau de porte." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Rooftop
sculpture and door-panel."

Local Numbers

LS 052

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Wood-carving
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Panneau de porte." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Door-panel."

Local Numbers

LS 029

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Wood-carving

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Panneau de porte." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Door-panel."

Local Numbers

LS 053

Title source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Wood-carving

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Musanga Lubwe sur Lubwe], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Translated original Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Pende. Musanga Lubwe on the Lubwe river (Katundu)."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels at Musanga Lubwe on the Lubwe river (Central Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 182

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Birds
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Musanga Lubwe sur Lubwe], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Translated original Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Pende. Musanga Lubwe on the Lubwe river (Katundu)."

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Local Numbers

LS 190

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Birds
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Kashungu sur Lubwe], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Translated original Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Pende. Kashungu on the Lubwe river."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels at Kashungu (Central Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 157

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Crocodiles
 Animals in art -- Lizards
 Cultural landscapes
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Kashungu sur Lubwe], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Translated original Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Pende. Kashungu on the Lubwe river."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels at Kashungu (Central Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 158

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
Animals in art -- Snakes
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Musanga Lubwe], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Musanga Lubwe. Case du chef. Sud-ouest Katundu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Musanga Lubwe. South-west of Katundu. Chief's ritual house."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels at Musanga Lubwe (Central Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 152

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Headdresses -- headgear -- Africa
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Musanga Lubwe], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Musanga Lubwe. Entrée de la case du chef. Sud-ouest Katundu." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Musanga Lubwe. South-west of Katundu. Doorway of the chief's ritual house."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels at Musanga Lubwe (Central Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 153

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Birds
 Animals in art -- Snakes
 Cultural landscapes
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Mbwambwa], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Mbwambwa." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Mbwambwa."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels at Mbwambwa (Central Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 131

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving

Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Mbwambwa], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Case cheffale à Mbwambwa." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Chief's ritual house at Mbwambwa."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels at Mbwambwa (Central Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 132

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Mbwambwa], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Entrée de case cheffale à Mbwambwa." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Doorway of a chief's ritual house at Mbwambwa."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels at Mbwambwa (Central Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-

panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 130

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Mbwambwa], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Mbwambwa. Case cheffale." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Mbwambwa. Chief's ritual house."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels at Mbwambwa (Central Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 077

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Akwa Nzumba], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Akwa Nzumba (Kasaï). Montants ("kenene"). Femme et crocodile." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Akwa Nzumba (Kasaï). Posts ("kenene"). Woman and crocodile."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels at Akwa Nzumba (Eastern Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende. Also, although the Panya Ngombe mask has almost vanished, sculptors continue to represent it in the lintel of the door to the chief's kibulu. This is a mask of prestige, signaling that the owner of the house belongs to the highest order of chiefs.

Local Numbers

LS 038

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Animals in art
 Animals in art -- Crocodiles
 Cultural landscapes
 Masks
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture
 Wood-carving
 Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Sotshi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Sotshi. Panneau porte chef." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Totshi. Chief's door-panel."

Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 032

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Sotshi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Sotshi. Case cheffale." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Sotshi. Chief's ritual house."

Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 034

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at sotshi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village sotshi. Panneau porte chef." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of sotshi. Chief's door-panel."

Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 031

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Nianga], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Nianga (Kasaï). Porte case cheffale." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Nianga (Kasaï). Chief's ritual house door."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels at Nianga (Eastern Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende. Also, although the Panya Ngombe mask has almost vanished, sculptors continue to represent it in the lintel of the door to the chief's kibulu. This is a mask of prestige, signaling that the owner of the house belongs to the highest order of chiefs.

Local Numbers

LS 196

Title source:Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Masks
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Wood-carving
Works of art in situ
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Nianga], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Porte de case cheffale à Nianga (Kasai)." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Chief's ritual house door at Nianga (Kasai)."

De Sousberghe photographed door-panels at Nianga (Eastern Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende. Also, although the Panya Ngombe mask has almost vanished, sculptors continue to represent it in the lintel of the door to the chief's kibulu. This is a mask of prestige, signaling that the owner of the house belongs to the highest order of chiefs.

Local Numbers

LS 121

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Masks
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ
Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Kinganga], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Kinganga. Case cheffale." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Kinganga. Chief's ritual house."

For the Eastern Pende, a great chief must have a small court in front, formed by a serried row of stakes and tree slips. A short fence of four of fivestakes extends from that wall on each side of the house; the architectural plan thus constructs a narrow oblique path as the only route of access. The form of the palisade (tsungu) shaping the small front court is of great importance. Warnings abound for outsiders to keep their distance. Some of the stakes in the palisade express the theme of danger and forbidden entry through the metaphoric use of masks from the men's fraternity.

Local Numbers

LS 030

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Mukenge], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Mukenge (Nyonge). Case cheffale." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Mukenge (Nyonge). Chief's ritual house."

For the Eastern Pende, a great chief must have a small court in front, formed by a serried row of stakes and tree slips. A short fence of four of fivestakes extends from that wall on each side of the house; the architectural plan thus constructs a narrow oblique path as the only route of access. The form of the palisade (tsungu) shaping the small front court is of great importance. Warnings abound for outsiders to keep their distance. Some of the stakes in the palisade express the theme of danger and forbidden entry through the metaphoric use of masks from the men's fraternity.

Local Numbers

LS 023

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving

Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Nianga], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Poteau sculpté à Nianga." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Carved stake at Nyanga."

For the Eastern Pende, a great chief must have a small court in front, formed by a serried row of stakes and tree slips. A short fence of four of fivestakes extends from that wall on each side of the house; the architectural plan thus constructs a narrow oblique path as the only route of access. The form of the palisade (tsungu) shaping the small front court is of great importance. Warnings abound for outsiders to keep their distance. Some of the stakes in the palisade express the theme of danger and forbidden entry through the metaphoric use of masks from the men's fraternity.

Local Numbers

LS 120

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Baskets
Calabashes
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Nianga], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Poteau sculpté à Nianga." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Carved stake at Nyanga."

For the Eastern Pende, a great chief must have a small court in front, formed by a serried row of stakes and tree slips. A short fence of four of fivestakes extends from that wall on each side of the house; the architectural plan thus constructs

a narrow oblique path as the only route of access. The form of the palisade (tsungu) shaping the small front court is of great importance. Warnings abound for outsiders to keep their distance. Some of the stakes in the palisade express the theme of danger and forbidden entry through the metaphoric use of masks from the men's fraternity.

Local Numbers

LS 119

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Baskets
Calabashes
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Sanctuary], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

De Sousberghe photographed a small sanctuary called Nganda. It is a small house that functions as a foyer to the other world populated by the ancestors. It is mostly built among the Kwilu Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 116

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Sanctuary], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

De Sousberghe photographed a small sanctuary called Nganda. It is a small house that functions as a foyer to the other world populated by the ancestors. It is mostly built among the Kwilu Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 174

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Sanctuary], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

De Sousberghe photographed a small sanctuary called Nganda. It is a small house that functions as a foyer to the other world populated by the ancestors. It is mostly built among the Kwilu Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 175

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Sanctuary], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

De Sousberghe photographed a small sanctuary called Nganda. It is a small house that functions as a foyer to the other world populated by the ancestors. It is mostly built among the Kwilu Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 176

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Poteau anthropomorphe." Translated original accompanying caption read, " Anthropormophous stake."

The form of the palisade (tsungu) shaping the small front court is of great importance. Warnings abound for outsiders to keep their distance. Some of the stakes in the palisade express the theme of danger and forbidden entry through the metaphoric use of masks from the men's fraternity.

Local Numbers

LS 103

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Poteau anthropomorphe." Translated original accompanying caption read, " Anthropormophous stake."

The form of the palisade (tsungu) shaping the small front court is of great importance. Warnings abound for outsiders to keep their distance. Some of the stakes in the palisade express the theme of danger and forbidden entry through the metaphoric use of masks from the men's fraternity.

Local Numbers

LS 150

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Poteau anthropomorphe." Translated original accompanying caption read, " Anthropormophous stake."

The form of the palisade (tsungu) shaping the small front court is of great importance. Warnings abound for outsiders to keep their distance. Some of the stakes in the palisade express the theme of danger and forbidden entry through the metaphoric use of masks from the men's fraternity.

Local Numbers

LS 151

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes

Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Kasasa Vudi, [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

De Sousberghe photographed the village Kasasa, belonging to the Zinga-Pande chiefdom in the South-Central Pende country.

Local Numbers

LS 001

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Calabashes
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Kasasa Vudi, [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

De Sousberghe photographed the village Kasasa, belonging to the Zinga-Pande chiefdom in the South-Central Pende country.

Local Numbers

LS 002

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Baskets
Calabashes
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa

Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Kasasa Vudi, [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

De Sousberghe photographed the village Kasasa, belonging to the Zinga-Pande chiefdom in the South-Central Pende country.

Local Numbers

LS 003

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Kasasa Vudi, [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

De Sousberghe photographed the village Kasasa, belonging to the Zinga-Pande chiefdom in the South-Central Pende country.

Local Numbers

LS 004

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Calabashes
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Kasasa Vudi, [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

De Sousberghe photographed the village Kasasa, belonging to the Zinga-Pande chiefdom in the South-Central Pende country.

Local Numbers

LS 005

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Kasasa Vudi, [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

De Sousberghe photographed the village Kasasa, belonging to the Zinga-Pande chiefdom in the South-Central Pende country.

Local Numbers

LS 006

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Kasasa Vudi, [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

De Sousberghe photographed the village Kasasa, belonging to the Zinga-Pande chiefdom in the South-Central Pende country.

Local Numbers

LS 007

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Kasasa Vudi, [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Local Numbers

LS 008

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Village de Katundu II, [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Local Numbers

LS 066

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende woman with guhota sanga hairstyle, Village de Katundu II, [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Katundu II."

Local Numbers

LS 067

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Topic: Body arts
 Body marking -- Africa
 Cultural landscapes
 Hairstyles -- Africa
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Village de Katundu II, [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Katundu II."

Local Numbers

LS 067

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
 Pende (African people)
 Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
 Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Kasasa. Village de Vudi, [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Kasasa. Village of Vudi."

De Sousberghe photographed the village Kasasa, belonging to the Zinga-Pende chiefdom in the South-Central Pende country.

Local Numbers

LS 064

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Mbangu], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Village Mbangu. Enclos de masques." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Mbangu. Masks enclosure."

For the Eastern Pende, a great chief must have a small court in front, formed by a serried row of stakes and tree slips. A short fence of four of fivestakes extends from that wall on each side of the house; the architectural plan thus constructs a narrow oblique path as the only route of access. The form of the palisade (tsungu) shaping the small front court is of great importance. Warnings abound for outsiders to keep their distance. Some of the stakes in the palisade express the theme of danger and forbidden entry through the metaphoric use of masks from the men's fraternity.

Local Numbers

LS 036

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Mbangu], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

For the Eastern Pende, a great chief must have a small court in front, formed by a serried row of stakes and tree slips. A short fence of four of fivestakes extends from that wall on each side of the house; the architectural plan thus constructs a narrow oblique path as the only route of access. The form of the palisade (tsungu) shaping the small front court is of great importance. Warnings abound for outsiders to keep their distance. Some of the stakes in the palisade express the theme of danger and forbidden entry through the metaphoric use of masks from the men's fraternity.

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Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Chief's ritual house at Mbangu], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

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Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

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Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Gavudi], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

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de Sousberghe photographed the remains of door-panels at Gavudi (Eastern Pende). Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 110

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Gavudi], [ca. 1957]
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LS 106

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Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

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Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

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LS 111

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Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Dance floor at Mukelenge], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Plate-forme de la danse "Kita" Mukelenge près de Nianga." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " The village dance floor near Nianga before the performance "Kita" Mukelenge."

The Central Pende performers of the Mingelu and Mapumbulu generations privileged the celebratory dances associated with the women's health rituals. These rites (Khita, Gimbanda, Khula, Kanvumbi) were organized around a period of rest and seclusion for the woman. Overseen by women, these rituals were serious and treated the ailing woman like an initiate to a secret society. At its conclusion, her husband or maternal family was obliged to mark her recovery by throwing a party similar to the coming-out ceremony for initiates to the men's fraternity.

Local Numbers

LS 170

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Dance floor at Mukelenge], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

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LS 169

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Kwilu Pende chief's ritual house], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Rive gauche." Translated original caption reads, " Left bank."

De Sousberghe photographed the construction of a chief's ritual house (kibulu) on the left bank of the Kwilu river. During the construction, a special bamboo-palm pattern of interlacing diamonds is briefly revealed in the roof. From the center pole, the roof tapers down the wall in a dome shape. Reserved strictly for high chiefs, it makes the kibulu distinctive, even under construction. Hidden by thatch on the outside, it will remain visible on the inside to those privileged to enter.

Local Numbers

LS 149

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Kwilu Pende village], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " r. g. du Kwilu. La "queue" du toit de paille indique l'endroit où se trouve la figurine à l'intérieur."
Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Left bank of the Kwilu river. The tail of the roof thatch shows where the statue stays inside."

Local Numbers

LS 148

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Village de Katundu II, [ca. 1957]
1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Local Numbers

LS 065

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Village of Sha Maziamo], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Sho Maziomo. Kwonzo."

De Sousberghe photographed the village of Sha Maziomo in the Kasasa chiefdom in South-Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 167

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Door-panel at Shotshi], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

de Sousberghe photographed the remains of door-panels at Shotshi. Architectural figures flanking the door of the chief's ritual house (kibulu) appear as both men and women. They represent the chief's personal guard, and serve as spirit sentinels concerned with the chief alone while the rooftop sculpture, resting on the ritual pole, functions primarily to protect the village. These door-panels are called kenene among the Eastern Pende and pego among the Central Pende.

Local Numbers

LS 033

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Pende (African people)
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende Chef Pulu, 1953

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying caption reads, " A droite du Loange. Près de Kitombe sur la route Kilembe vers Tshikapa." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Chief Pulu. On the right bank of the Loange river. Near Kitombe on the road from Kilembe to Tshikapa.."

In 1953, de Sousberghe photographed the Eastern Pende chief Pulu at the village of Mahumbu (right bank of the Loange river), belonging to the Kitombe chiefdom. Chief Pulu wore the ancient headdress "gipu gia mbudi".

Local Numbers

LS 159

Title source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Clothing and dress -- Africa
Cultural landscapes
Headdresses -- headgear -- Africa
Leaders
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Healing scene at Njinji], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Scène de guérison au Kasai (Njinji). Kaolin sur dos et bras. Callebasses avec graines, agitées." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Healing scene in the Kasai (Njinji). Back and arms covered with Kaolin. Gourd with seeds in movement."

Local Numbers

LS 122

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Topic: Body arts
Medicine
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Village of Luisa], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " village Luisa. Femmes indigènes." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Village of Luisa. Native women."

Local Numbers

LS 040

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Topic: Baskets
Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Vernacular architecture

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Village of Luisa], [ca. 1957]
1 slide (col.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying caption reads, " Près du Kwilu (rive droite). Luisa: rien." Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Near the Kwilu river (right bank). Luisa: nothing."

Local Numbers

LS 160

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Léon de Sousberghe.

Topic: Baskets
Cultural landscapes
Hairstyles -- Africa
Pende (African people)

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides

Pende [Carved stakes], [ca. 1957]

1 slide (b&w)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Sousberghe, Léon de, Photographer

Original accompanying Léon de Sousberghe caption reads, " Poteau sculpté."

Translated original accompanying caption reads, " Carved stakes."

The carved stakes express the theme of danger and forbidden entry through the metaphoric use of masks from the men's fraternity.

Translated original accompanying caption read, " Carved stake."

Local Numbers

LS 118

Title source: Archives staff.

Note source: Archives staff.

Topic: Cultural landscapes
Pende (African people)
Wood-carving
Works of art in situ

Place: Africa
Congo (Democratic Republic)

Genre/Form: Color slides