

## Mawu

**The Fon people of Benin believe in the creator god of twin powers, known as Mawu-Lisa. Mawu, the female twin, is considered the goddess of the moon, and controls the night. The ruler of the world's wisdom and knowledge, Mawu is associated with the moon, kindness, motherhood and cooler temperatures. In some cultures, the sky gods are also regarded as the parents of seven other twin gods; earth, storm, iron, water, air, birds and beasts.**

**Headwear:** Mawu, Fon goddess of the Moon, wears a crescent moon headdress, which represents the cool night, wisdom and insight.

**Body:** Mawu, the Fon moon goddess, wears a night sky shawl and cowrie shell necklaces that symbolize a poised, mature and peaceful spirit that is understanding, maternal and insightful. She inspires people to reflect and restore.

**Legs:** These are the legs of the Fon moon goddess, Mawu.

**FACT:** The Fon people of the Benin region of Africa believe Mawu, gifted with wisdom and the help of her twin brother Lisa, created the universe.

