

Finch & C^o



A CARVED AFRICAN IVORY BENIN RITUAL BELL

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18 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 27 CMLONG , 4.5 CMDIA – 10½ INS LONG , 1¾ INS DIA

LITERATURE

THESE BELLS WERE USED ON ROYAL ANCESTRAL ALTARS BY PRIESTS IN THEIR RITUALS TO CALL UP THE ANCESTORS
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CEREMONY .

PROBABLY CARVED BY AN EDO ARTIST THIS BELL HAS BEEN HOLLOWED OUT IN ORDER TO FIX A CLAPPER INSIDE .