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## **AN UNUSUAL SOUTH AFRICAN , CAPE NGUNI TREBLE BOWL TOBACCO PIPE**

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19 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 12 CMLONG , 4¾INS LONG

TRADERS FROM EUROPE FIRST INTRODUCED TOBACCO TO SOUTH AFRICA IN THE 16 TH CENTURY AND WITHIN 100 YEARS IT WAS GROWN , DRIED , PREPARED AND SMOKED BY NEARLY ALL OF THE BLACK PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA . CARVERS IN THE EASTERN CAPE MODELLED THE FORM ON THE ORIGINAL DUTCH AND ENGLISH 17 TH CENTURY CLAY TAVERN PIPES . EXAMPLES SUCH AS THIS RARE TREBLE BOWL PIPE WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE AS ITEMS OF PRESTIGE . PIPES WERE SIGNIFIERS OF SOCIAL STATUS AND WERE PROUDLY DISPLAYED EITHER IN USE OR WHEN CARRIED AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF TRADITIONAL TRIBAL DRESS .

## **LITERATURE**

SEE : FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO. 5 ( ITEM 15 ) FOR A SIMILAR PIPE WITH A DOUBLE BOWL