

Finch & C^o



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CIRCA 1910

SIZE : 18 CM HIGH , 33 CM LONG , – 7 INS HIGH , 13 INS LONG

LITERATURE

CF. AN EXAMPLE OF AN IDENTICAL LION IS ILLUSTRATED IN A VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPH PUBLISHED IN 'MLUNGU' BY MICHAEL GRAHAM STEWART AND M STEVENSON

THIS SKILFULLY CARVED LEOPARD WAS MOST PROBABLY MADE IN MOZAMBIQUE AROUND THE TURN OF THE LAST CENTURY SPECIFICALLY FOR VISITING COLONIALS TO RETURN TO EUROPE WITH AS A REMINDER OF THEIR STAY . IT IS A REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLE OF AN INDIGENOUS AFRICAN CULTURE SUCCESSFULLY ADAPTING TO AN OUTSIDE COMMERCIAL COLONIAL MARKET .