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SOUTHERN AFRICA

LATE 19 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 13 CM HIGH , 18.5 CM WIDE , 7 CM DEEP – 5 INS HIGH , 7¼ WIDE , 2¾ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

A VERY SIMILAR HEADREST IS IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY , SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON D.C. AND WAS COLLECTED BY WILLIAM HARVEY 'CURIO' BROWN IN 1893 IN CHIEF MUSHAYAMOMBE'S AREA OF THE CENTRAL SHONA LANDS , ZIMBABWE .

ANOTHER BEARING DISTINCT SIMILARITIES TO THIS EXAMPLE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE FROBENIUS EXPEDITION IN 1928 . IT SHOWS A NOHWE SHONA MAN SLEEPING ON HIS SIDE USING IT FOR IT'S INTENDED PURPOSE .