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TORAJA PEOPLES , SULAWESI , INDONESIA WOOD AND TORTOISESHELL BOWL

A FINE TORAJA PEOPLES, SOUTH CENTRAL SULAWESI , INDONESIA , WOOD AND TORTOISESHELL CEREMONIAL BOWL.
THE INITIALS 'DB' CARVED INTO THE BASE
A WOODEN LUG CARVED IN A RECESS UNDERNEATH THE FOOT
LATE 19TH - EARLY 20TH CENTURY
SIZE : 25.5 CM HIGH 19 CM DIA.
10 INS HIGH 7½ INS DIA.

LITERATURE

THE GEOGRAPHICALLY FOUR PRONGED ISLAND OF SULAWESI LIES NEXT TO THE THOUSAND ISLANDS OF THE MOLUCCAS; THE FABLED SPICE ISLANDS OF HISTORY. MOSTLY COVERED IN FOREST, SULAWESI IS LESS DEVELOPED THAN THE REST OF INDONESIA AND STILL HAS A MAINLY AGRICULTURAL BASED ECONOMY. THE TORAJA PEOPLE STILL BUILD THEIR TRADITIONAL BOAT-SHAPED HOUSES ON WOOD PLATFORMS, AND PRACTICE THE ANIMIST TRADITIONS AND RITUALS OF THEIR ANCESTORS WHILST ACKNOWLEDGING CHRISTIANITY. THE TORAJA ARE RENOWNED FOR THEIR ELABORATE FUNERAL CEREMONIES AND BURIAL SITES IN CLIFFSIDE CAVES.