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19TH CENTURY

SIZES: A: 41CMLONG – 16 INS LONG

B: 38.5CMLONG – 15¼ INS LONG

## **LITERATURE**

THE INDIANS OF TIERRA DEL FUEGO USED THESE SPEARS TO CATCH FISH, PENGUINS AND SEALS OFF THE ROCKY COASTLINE OF THE ISLAND GROUP NOW DIVIDED BY CHILE AND ARGENTINA. IT IS SEPARATED FROM THE MAINLAND BY THE STRAIT OF MAGELLAN, AND CAPE HORN IS AT THE SOUTHERN MOST POINT OF LATIN AMERICA. TO THE SOUTH OF THE MAIN ISLAND IS THE BEAGLE CHANNEL NAMED AFTER THE SHIP OF CHARLES DARWIN'S VOYAGE. IN DECEMBER 1775 CAPTAIN COOK ON HIS SECOND VOYAGE PUT DOWN ANCHOR AND CALLED THE AREA CHRISTMAS SOUND. IT WAS HERE THAT HODGES DREW HIS FAMOUS PORTRAIT OF THE 'MAN IN CHRISTMAS SOUND.'