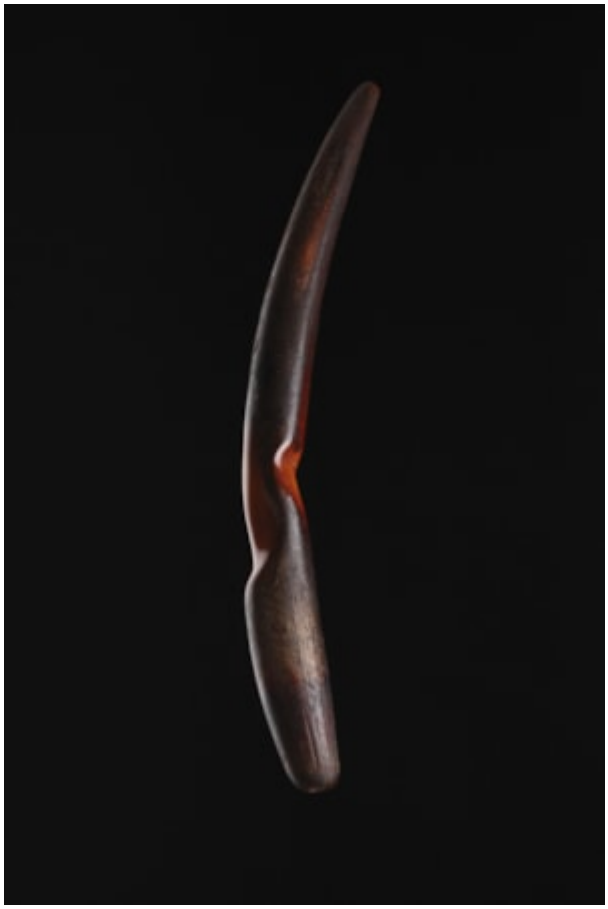
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AFRICAN SOUTH CENTRAL ZAIRE KUBA IVORY PESTLE

A FINE AFRICAN SOUTH CENTRAL ZAIRE KUBA IVORY PESTLE
THE GRIP SHAPED AND WORN SMOOTH FROM A LONG PERIOD OF USE
RICH OLD REDDISH BROWN PATINA
EARLY 19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 60.5CM LONG – 23¾ INS LONG
SEE: FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO. 13, ITEM NO. 47, FOR ANOTHER EXAMPLE

LITERATURE

FORMED FROM THE OLD TUSK OF AN ELEPHANT, PERHAPS EMBLEMATIC OF A POWERFUL ANCESTRAL HUNTER, THESE IVORY PESTLES ARE USED BY KUBA WOMEN TO POUND FOOD THAT IS TO BE USED CEREMONIALLY AND RITUALLY. THE PESTLES ARE PASSED DOWN TO SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS THROUGH THE FEMALE LINE AND ARE REGARDED AS AMULETIC OBJECTS OF GREAT STATUS.