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## **AFRICAN SOUTH CENTRAL ZAIRE KUBA WOMAN'S PESTLE**

A FINE AFRICAN SOUTH CENTRAL ZAIRE KUBA WOMAN'S PESTLE SHAPED FROM THE IVORY TUSK OF AN ELEPHANT  
THE GRIP INDENTED AND WORN SMOOTH FROM A LONG PERIOD OF USE

SMOOTH SILKY PATINA

19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 64.5CM LONG – 24½ INS LONG

SEE CATALOGUE NO. 13, ITEM NO. 47, AND CATALOGUE NO. 16, ITEM NO. 99, FOR OTHER EXAMPLES

## **LITERATURE**

USED BY KUBA WOMEN TO POUND FOOD FOR CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS, THESE PESTLES ARE FASHIONED AND PATINATED BY DECADES OF USE. THEY ARE PROBABLY EMBLEMATIC OF A POWERFUL ANCESTRAL HUNTER, AND HAVING AMULETIC PROPERTIES, THE PESTLES ARE RITUALLY HANDED DOWN THROUGH THE FEMALE LINE AND REGARDED BY EACH GENERATION AS STATUS IMBUED OBJECTS.