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A FINE LOANGO IVORY TUSK

A FINE AFRICAN LOANGO COAST, ANGOLA IVORY TUSK
CARVED IN RELIEF IN GREAT DETAIL WITH SCENES OF DAILY COMMERCIAL LIFE ALONG THE COAST IN A CONTINUOUS
SPIRAL BAND, INCLUDING A RARE SCENE OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS
CIRCA 1850 - 60
SIZES: 78CM LONG -

LITERATURE

DURING THE 19TH CENTURY ALONG THE WEST AFRICAN LOANGO COAST, NOW PART OF ANGOLA, A BUSY COMMERCIAL TRADE TOOK PLACE IN SLAVES, IVORY, FISH, TIMBER, RUBBER AND ANIMALS IN WHICH BOTH EUROPEANS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TOOK PART. MERCHANTS RETURNING HOME OFTEN PURCHASED THESE EXPRESSIVELY CARVED IVORY TUSKS FROM THE LOCAL WORKSHOPS ALONG THE LOANGO COAST AS A REMINDER OF THEIR TRAVELS.