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AFRICAN SOUTH CENTRAL ZAIRE KUBA WOMEN'S CEREMONIAL IVORY PESTLE

A FINE AFRICAN SOUTH CENTRAL ZAIRE KUBA WOMEN'S CEREMONIAL IVORY PESTLE THE GRIP INDENTED AND WORN
SMOOTH FROM A LONG PERIOD OF USE

OLD SMOOTH AND SILKY PATINA

19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 48CM LONG – 19 INS LONG / 51CM HIGH – 20 INS HIGH (INCLUDING STAND)

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

LITERATURE

THESE PESTLES ARE USED BY KUBA WOMEN TO POUND FOOD FOR CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS AND ARE SHAPED AND PATINATED BY DECADES OF USE. THEY ARE BELIEVED TO BE EMBLEMATIC OF A POWERFUL ANCESTRAL HUNTER AND ARE RITUALLY GIFTED THROUGH THE FEMALE LINE, WITH EACH SUCCEEDING GENERATION REGARDING THEM AS STATUS IMBUED OBJECTS.