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PAIR OF AFRICAN LOANGO COAST, ANGOLA IVORY TUSKS

A LARGE PAIR OF AFRICAN LOANGO COAST, ANGOLA IVORY TUSKS

CARVED IN RELIEF IN GREAT DETAIL WITH SCENES OF DAILY COMMERCIAL LIFE ALONG THE COAST IN A CONTINUOUS SPIRAL BAND

CIRCA 1860 – 80

SIZES: A: APPROX: 86CMLONG – 34 INS LONG

B: APPROX: 89CMLONG – 35 INS LONG

SEE: FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO. 5, ITEM NO. 64, AND CATALOGUE NO. 12, ITEM NO. 108, FOR OTHER EXAMPLES

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.