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GOURD VESSEL: A waisted-necked gourd ornamented with blackened quatrefoils, triangles and eight-lobed "windmills", the blackened areas also ornamented with inset white seed-beads. Two bands of incised cross-hatching enclose the two rows of triangles.

The stopper is made of a mealie-cob with black and natural coloured leaf covered knob with twined fastening on top.

Ht: with knob: 30.2 cms
gourd only: 28.5 cms

Di: 17.9 cms PTO

Tsonga: Mayambique (RB + AN)



Di: of stopper: 4.9 cms x 6 cms l.

(THONGA, MOZAMBIQUE)

cf. Sieber, p.201

Junod, p.101

"Calabashes of this shape and size (but usually undecorated) were used to hold a decoction given in place of ordinary water to newly-born infants to promote their growth".

"They were made by a man of the Tembe clan of the Ronga group of the Thonga".