

SAHRA REPORT (case ID 8253)

Chintsa East Shipwreck material retrieval September 2015

Mr Sean Price of Buccaneers (Chintsa East) alerted the museum to a piece of timber which had been washed ashore at Chintsa River mouth (coordinates S 32 degrees 49' 52 S, E 28 degrees 06' 58) due to high sea conditions during the month of August 2015.



The find was reported to SAHRA and the piece of timber illustrated below was removed from the beach (under permit) on the 15th September 2015 and transported to the museum for curation. Mr Barry Kruger, the Eastern Cape Regional Manager of Geomechanics, and his team (Guy Swart, Petrus Swarts and Elija Mahlangu) with the assistance of Sean Price carefully and safely loaded and transported the Chintsa shipwreck material to the museum.



The artefact measures 3.23 meters from tip to tip with the widest portion measuring 67 cm.

An assumption is that the material could be from the 1874 ship the *Nuovo Abele* (Nova Bella) grounded in Chintsa Bay. If it is the *Nuovo Abele* this ship was built in 1873 and weighed 690 tons. It was captained by Cuneo Francisco and was wrecked during a south-west gale on the 6th December 1874. It was on a voyage from Batavia (Jakarta) to London with a cargo of sugar.

The condition of the artefact is the same as it was found and is under the curatorial regime of the museum conservator as directed by the undersigned.

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