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The River Congo

A new exhibition documents the search for signs of kingdoms that once existed along the Congo River. The Congo – which crosses 10 countries – is Africa's most powerful river. It first garnered global attention from the 19th-century explorer Dr. David Livingstone and Stanley, the journalist who set out to find him, as well as in books like Josef Conrad's "Heart of Darkness." These exhibits on loan to the Gallery of African Studies, courtesy of the Shohar family tell a different story. They cast light on the socio-economic developments that have affected the area and its history – the similar philosophies and religious beliefs, on attitudes towards nature and ancestry, rituals of healing and governing institutions. The exhibition is accompanied by photographs taken by Adi Gerlad in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Together, these reconstruct a historical continuity of a long-ignored geographical region with a glorious past and a difficult present.

Curator: Idit Toledano.

Gallery for the Study of Africa, Rothschild blvd. 46,
Tel Aviv (22nd floor, Alrov Towers)