

African diamond miners find \$9M gold from a 500-year-old shipwreck. A true treasure trove!

Confused gold miners working off the coast of Africa stumbled across a treasure: a 500-year-old gold mine that was worth a staggering \$9 million.

The ship of Jesus is indeed a gift from heaven!

Geoscientists working for the mining company De Beers were the ones who initially discovered and found the ship; they did so off the coast of Namibia at Oranjemund in April 2008.

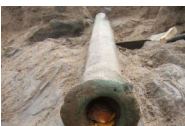
By Dieter Noli at the site. Source: Dieter Noli

The ship belongs to the Golden Age of Portuguese sailors and explorers who set sail all directions in search of new lands to colonize and capture from. The Dom Jesus left Lisbon sometime in 1533 under the supervision of Sir Francisco de Noronha, but on its way to India the ship simply vanished without a trace and without precious cargo was lost.

This was not the only wreckage discovered by the miners from the site; a number of other discoveries were also made near the wreck. The remains were considered a task to drain an artificial salt lake and as the area dried out many objects were found lying at the lake bed.

The discovery of the oldest shipwreck at Dom Jesus wasn't sudden; miners found artifacts on the beach before unearthing the buried treasure.

From the day the miners found the initial signs of shipwreck scattered along the beach, it took them a whole week to put their hands on the gold coins and ivory tusks; six long days of digging and eventually found off the form of a massive treasure trove.



Gold coins and a cannon. Dieter Noli

