**AFRICAN RAIN DANCE ‘*22*’**

**A NEW ROUTE ON UPPER AFRICA LEDGE, TABLE MOUNTAIN**

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**Approach:** To get to Upper Africa Ledge climb up an existing route or abseil down the Africa Corner rappel route from the top cable station. Walk across the bushy ledge towards the left to the set-back, and squared-off, white wall with big black streaks. Can-Can climbs the wall starting towards the right. Africa Dance climbs the left end of the wall. Eight metres up is a prominent big roof that has big black and white streaks above it. The route begins under the widest part of this roof. A few metres to the left is a big tree with the dramatic Africa Arete above.

**Pitch 1 25m 21:** Start at a bent-over tree. Pull up onto the undercut face and climb towards the big roof, then go diagonally left to the recessed corner with a small tree in it at the level of the big roof. Keep ropes to the front of the tree and climb above it. Climb the curving crack on the left until able to place a tiny cam in the rail across the recess on the black wall on the right. Climb out to the right for a few metres to the arete where there is good gear. Climb the arete and then easy faces straight up to a big ledge.

**Pitch 2 25m 22:** Climb up at the righthand end of the ledge and go up diagonally leftwards on overhanging bands of black rock to get to the big, horizontal, crawling crack that cuts across the whole face and extends to the left to form the Africa Arete halfway stance. Go a few metres left to a little break in the roof on grey water-worn rock. Climb the break and then head up straight to the attractive black and white wall above. Climb up the middle of the steep wall to a big ledge.

**Descent:** Abseil from a fixed wire nut or climb up on the left to get to the top of Africa Arete.

**First ascent:** Jeremy Colenso and Hilton Davies, 23 December 2018