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## Antique Weight, Zebu Shape, Solid Bronze - Northern Burma Or Thailand, 18th Century



350 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 5,5 cm

Height : 7,5 cm

### Description

Antique weight, zebu shape, solid bronze - Northern Burma or Thailand, 18th century. Large rice or grain weight featuring a recumbent zebu, head raised forward, legs folded under the body. The animal wears a bell suspended around its neck and has a prominent hump on its back, characteristic of the species. The horns are incised at their base, and the ears show a crown ornament. The molded oval base rests flat. Heavy object, used in traditional markets. Solid bronze with a brown patina, the surface has an old patina, with gilded highlights on worn areas. Burma or northern Thailand, 18th century Dimensions: 7.5 × 5.5 × 5 cm Weight: 1.2 kg Provenance: old collection from the South East of France, built up from the 1970s Sold with certificate of authenticity Guarantee of origin and period "This

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piece is part of the tradition of rice or cereal weights used in the markets of Southeast Asia, mainly in Burma and the border regions of northern Thailand. The zebu, a domestic and sacred figure, embodies fertility, strength and abundance. The significant weight (1.2 kg) corresponds to a multiple of the traditional units in local use, such as the Burmese viss, and testifies to its utilitarian function."