



Nile Oxyrhynchus - Late Period



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Period : Before 16th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Bronze

Length : 14cm

Height : 7.5cm (sans socle)

Description

Oxyrhynchus (Medjed) Fish Figurine - Late Period / Ptolemaic tradition; 1st century BC. Cast bronze figurine representing an oxyrhynchus fish (a fish associated with the cult of Per-medjed/Oxyrhynchos), depicted with a tapered snout and a dorsal crest. The fish wears a solar disk flanked by cow horns, a type of divine headdress closely associated with Hathor and also used in Isiac iconography. It has tin-inlaid eyes set in silver, with surviving traces of a gold mount beneath the solar disk. The patina is green with concretions. The caudal fin is broken. The sculpture is mounted on a wooden base (see dimensions below). The oxyrhynchus fish appears in Egyptian material culture both as a cult image and as a votive motif. Research and museum archives associate this type of figurine

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with the cult context of Oxyrhynchos (Per-medjed), where venerated fish are attested by texts and bronze representations. Dimensions: length 14 cm; height 7.5 cm (without base) and 9.5 cm (with base) Provenance: former private collection of Dr. Hans Halter (Switzerland), acquired before 1966; present in the EU since 2006 Museums The Metropolitan Museum of Art -- inv. 04.2.660 -- Oxyrhynchus fish -- <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/570228> British Museum -- EA65682 -- figure (Oxyrhynchus fish, disc and horn headdress) -- https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/Y_EA65682 Musée du Louvre -- E 18547 -- figurine (oxyrhynchus; with bail) -- <https://collections.louvre.fr/ark:/53355/cl010004845> Musée du Louvre -- N 4014 A -- pendant; figurine (mormyrus; oxyrhynchus; with bail) -- <https://collections.louvre.fr/ark:/53355/cl010010469> Musée du Louvre -- N 4014 A -- pendant; figurine (mormyra; oxyrhynchus; with bail) -- <https://collections.louvre.fr/ark:/53355/cl010010469> The Walters Art Museum -- 54.2125 -- Oxyrhynchus Fish -- <https://art.thewalters.org/object/54.2125/Virginia> Museum of Fine Arts -- (Pope Object Number 2001.247) -- Sacred Fish with a Crown of Isis -- <https://vmfa.museum/artworks/sacred-fish-with-a-crown-of-isis-57638> Bibliographic sources Van Neer, W. & Gonzalez, J. (2019) -- A Late Period fish deposit at Oxyrhynchus (el-Bahnasa, Egypt) (PDF) -- https://library.naturalsciences.be/pdfs-open-access/2019/van_neer_gonzalez_2019_oxyrhynchus.pdf Plutarch, De Iside et Osiride (Moralia) -- PDF (English translation, from the Loeb edition) -- <https://robscholtemuseum.nl/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Plutarch-Isis-and-Osiris.pdf>

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