



## Set Of 11 19th Century Burmese Bronze Opium Weights



1 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Width : 11 cm

Height : 13 cm

Depth : 7 cm

### Description

Set of 11 19th-century Burmese bronze opium weights. Stylized opium weights, in the form of mythical Hintha birds, in patinated bronze. The Hintha, also known as the Hamsa or Brahmani duck, is a sacred water bird deeply rooted in Burmese mythology and folklore. The largest of these features an integrated curved handle that extends from the crest of the head to its finely worked tail feathers. Despite their popular Western nickname ("opium weights"), these bronze figurines were the standard official weights used throughout the Konbaung Burmese empire to measure all daily market goods, bulk commodities and monetary metals such as silver. The largest: 11 cm wide, 7 cm deep and 13 cm high. The base measures 7 cm by 7 cm. The smallest: 2 cm wide, 1.5 cm deep and 2 cm

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highThe largest weighs 1.6 kgIn total, they weigh  
3.1 kgProvenance: Robert Willocx Collection,  
BrusselsThe Robert Willocx Collection was a  
highly regarded private collection of Asian artIt  
was built up over several decades by Professor  
Robert Willocx (1932-2023), an eminent Belgian  
physician, professor and gastroenterologist at the  
Catholic University of Leuven.