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## THAI BRONZE ELEPHANT OPIUM WEIGHT

## \$118

c. 1900 • Thailand • Bronze • Collection #CLB006B W: 1.25" D: 0.5" H: 1.5"

While trading in the marketplaces of Thailand, small bronze weights in various animal forms could be seen at every stall. Used to counterbalance scales while purchasing goods, these hand-carved weights became a sought after curio from distant lands in the early 20th century. The most common examples were birds, this diminutive elephant would have been a standout in the marketplace. Subtle detailing, rich color and satisfying heft make this a lovely sculptural object.