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THAI BRONZE ELEPHANT OPIUM WEIGHT

\$68

c. 1900 • Thailand • Collection #CLB006E

W: 1.0" D: 0.25" H: 1.0"

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.



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