



KWELE ANCHOR CURRENCY

\$880

c. 1900 • Gabon • Iron • Collection #CAA0486

W: 18.0" D: 0.25" H: 19.0"

Formed in the shape of an anchor, this graceful iron currency piece was forged by the Kwele people of Gabon and the Democratic Republic of Congo to trade and store wealth. Prized as an object of great value, the currency was often hidden away and only brought out during the payment of bridal dowries or other major monetary transactions. A beautiful patina has developed over time, enriching the object's simple yet striking silhouette.



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