



DESCRIPTION

Created by the Kru and Grebo people of southeastern Liberia, these pieces bring much debate in regards to their usage. Known as nitien which translates to "Gods of the Water", these pieces were viewed by local people to imbue and hold the power of these spirits. Their identifying feature is the four brass knobs that are located in around the ring. The symbolism of these knobs is unknown, except that they included a decorative purpose. These rings later became a form of currency, due to the fact they were constructed from bronze. The oxidization of this piece brings out a stunning display of colors.

DETAILS

- Culture: Kru + Grebo People
- Geography: Liberia
- Circa: Mid to Late 17th Century
- Size: 6.5"W x 5"H x 1"D
- Weight: Approximately 3 LBS
- Materials: Bronze

LIST PRICING

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