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## KUSU BOLOKO CURRENCY

**\$380**

c. 1900 • Democratic Republic of Congo • Iron • Collection #CAA0687A

W: 11.0" D: 3.0" H: 16.0"

Like many pieces of traditional African metalwork, this sculptural u-shaped currency piece served multiple purposes within the Kusu tribe of what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Known as "boloko," the arched currency was forged of iron, a material so valuable and versatile that it was traded as currency in major life transactions. With rustic character, this iron currency looks especially striking as a sculptural object atop a sideboard or console table.



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