

Basic Detail Report



Armlet

Medium

Brass

Description

Brass bracelet of openwork cylindrical form, with heads, latticework, and multiple bells around the edges. This wide, perforated bracelet features human faces. The distinctive slanted eyes, long nose, and narrow face convey a sense of wisdom and inner authority, thus

identifying the armlet as having been worn by a male or female member of the Ogboni society. Although the functions of the Ogboni society has narrowed considerably in recent decades, members traditionally select, install and bury kings; judge criminal cases; and issue punishments, including the removal of delinquent kings. The small bells attached to the ends of the armlet serve to solicit the attention of the gods. Suggested reading: C.O. Adepegba. Yoruba Metal Sculpture. Ibadan University Press, 1991.

Dimensions

6 3/4 inches (17.1 cm)