



ANCIENT

521-478BC El Sixth Stater or Hecte XF



IONIA. Phocaea. Ca. 521-478 BC. EL sixth stater or hecte (10mm, 2.63 gm). NGC Choice XF 5/5 - 4/5. Female head (Athena?) left of archaic style, wearing banded helmet or tight-fitting cap and floral earring; [to right, seal downward] / Quadripartite incuse square. Bodenstedt 31. Well-centered and sharply struck example, with a lovely mysterious smile. RARE!



Ionia/Western Asia Minor

Ionia/Western Asia Minor is an ancient region of central coastal Anatolia in present-day Turkey, the region nearest izmir, which was historically Smyrna. It consisted of the northernmost territories of the Ionian League of Greek settlements. Never a unified state, it was named after the Ionian tribe who, in the Archaic Period (600–480 BC), settled mainly the shores and islands of the Aegean Sea. Ionian states were identified by tradition and by their use of Eastern Greek.

The ancient practice for minting coins consisted of using an oven for heating blanks or "flans," tongs for handling hot flans, a table or bench on which an anvil was mounted, and a pair of dies struck with a heavy hammer to impress the design into the flan.

Additional Rarity: 521 -478BC EL Sixth Stater or Hecte AU 5/5-5/5 sold at a Heritage auction on April 4, 2017 for \$4935.

