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Macedon under Rome, 158-150 BC, AR Tetradrachm

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Obv.: Diademed and draped bust of Artemis right, bow and quiver over l. shoulder, all within central medaillon of a Macedonian shield. Rev.: Club, monogram above, all in oak wreath. Club, SHAP monogram above, 2 monograms below, all within oak wreath, thunderbolt to left.

Under Philip V of Macedon (221-179 BC) and his son Perseus of Macedon (179-168 BC), the kingdom of Macedon clashed with the rising power of the Roman Republic. During the 2nd and 1st centuries BC, Macedon fought a series of wars with Rome. Two major losses that led to their inevitable defeat were in 197 BC when Rome defeated Philip V, and 168 BC when Rome defeated Perseus. The overall losses resulted in the defeat of Macedon, the deposition of the Antigonid dynasty and the dismantling of the Macedonian kingdom. The establishment of direct Roman rule occurred on 158 BC with the organization of Macedon as the Roman province of Macedonia. This coin was issued in that period. This very large issue of silver tetradrachms from Amphipolis, capital of the First District of Macedonia after the Roman conquest was the result of recoinage of the remaining royal issues of the defeated Macedonian kingdom as well as financing requirements of the demands from the new rulers. Artemis was the daughter of Leto and Zeus, and the twin of Apollo. Artemis is the goddess of the wilderness, the hunt and wild animals, and fertility (she became a goddess of fertility and childbirth mainly in cities). She was often depicted with the crescent of the moon above her forehead and was sometimes identified with Selene (goddess of the moon). Artemis was one of the Olympians and a virgin goddess. Her main vocation was to roam mountain forests and uncultivated land with her nymphs in attendance hunting for lions, panthers, hinds and stags. Contradictory to the later, she helped in protecting and seeing to their well-being, also their safety and reproduction. She was armed with a bow and arrows which were made by Hephaestus and the Cyclopes.

