



Lime-Box

Date

1800-1840

Medium

Bamboo

Description

Chunum box of bamboo, decorated with bands of fine black linear motifs. It would have been used for holding powdered mineral lime, which is used for chewing betel or areca nut. The lime reacts with the stimulant alkaloids in the areca nut and produces bright red saliva.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 20 x 60 mm