

Basic Detail Report



Lime-Spatula

Date
1800-1840

Medium
Wood

Description
Lime spatula of hard wood. It has a long flat pointed end and an egg-shaped handle with engraved decorative lines.

It was used to convey lime to the mouth for chewing betel nut. The betel leaf and nut are combined to produce a drug that has the qualities of a stimulant. In some cultures the practice of chewing betel has important traditions behind it, and in many it is closely linked to marriage.

Dimensions
Object/Work: 285 x 55 mm