



Fragment

Date

700-1500

Medium

Earthenware

Description

Pot sherd or 'stamp' of grey earthenware. Possibly pre-columbian, with an impressed stamp of European influenced design. It is oval in shape with a point at the top, and stamped with fleur-de-lis surrounded by lines and circles. The stamped design is on an added layer of reddish earthenware overlaying the outer surface of the potsherd. The iconography appears later than pre-columbian iconography, and is reminiscent of the lilies

(fleurs-de-lis) used in later European art and heraldry. However, similar stylized lilies appear in Maya ceramic of the Late Classic Maya, AD 600-900, although their significance is unclear.