

Basic Detail Report



Figure

Date
1800-1900

Medium
Wood, silver gilt

Description
Kylin. Kylin is the name of a mythical chimera creature.

Elaborately carved in wood with notched decoration down spine, a thick long tail, claws, and extensive fur covering in swirls and waves. It has an open mouth with exposed tongue, spirals for a mane, and Chinese symbol on the crown of its head. The Kylin is said to appear with the imminent arrival or passing of a sage or ruler; it is a symbol of fertility, luck, protection, longevity and success. From the house of a military man in China.

Dimensions
Object/Work: 280 x 130 x 120 mm