

Palma

Date

600-900 CE

Medium

Stone

Description

Stone Palma, Veracruz, Mexico. Stone palma in the form of a quetzal bird. The palma, along with the yoke and hacha, are the three forms commonly identified with the Mesoamerican ball game. Palmas are found only in Veracruz. They are depicted on reliefs found at the Veracruz site of Tajin. In these reliefs, a palma-like implement is worn frontally on the yoke of a ballplayer.

Dimensions

 $16 \times 43/4 \times 71/4$ in. $(40.6 \times 12.1 \times 18.4$ cm)