



Cup (Kero)

Date

1521-1821

Primary Maker

Inca

Medium

Wood and paint

Description

This Peruvian vessel is called a kero, which would also have been used as a drinking cup by the Incan elite. As was often the case with many Incan object types, the production of these vessels was highly regulated both in terms of shape and—specific to the kero—in terms of the number of vessels made. Incan corn beer or chicha was always consumed with company, so cups were made in matching pairs. Based on the painting, this vessel dates to the early colonial period.

Dimensions

5 3/4 × 4 3/4 in. (14.6 × 12.1 cm)