

Basic Detail Report



Lime Container

Date

mid 20th Century

Medium

Gourd, boar's tusk and pigment

Description

Lime container collected from the Massim area in the Milne Bay Province of Papua New Guinea and dates back to the mid-20th century. Part of a chief's accoutrements,

this large gourd was used to contain lime, a powdered mineral chewed with betel nut. The body is made from a smooth brown coconut shell. The protruding neck at the top is wrapped with black fiber. There are four small discs sewn to the top of the neck. A curved pointed boar's tusk protrudes out of the neck. There are three holes on the tusk; the last one is whitish in color. A string of shell beads is attached to one of the holes.

Dimensions

8 1/4 × 6 1/2 × 6 1/2 in. (21 × 16.5 × 16.5 cm)