



## Lime Container

### Date

20th Century

### Medium

Bronze

### Description

This is a bronze lime container from Laos. Lime comes from grinding up burnt coral or limestone into a fine power. When mixed with ground betel nut, the compound releases alkaloids which have a narcotic effect when they enter the human bloodstream. These containers are usually paired with a stick which is used to serve the lime powder. The usage of the narcotic can have a religious function or be done recreationally. Due to the negative impacts of long-term usage, Laotian consumption has fallen drastically in recent years.

### Dimensions

Container with lid:  $5 \times 1 \frac{3}{4} \times 1 \frac{3}{4}$  in. ( $12.7 \times 4.4 \times 4.4$  cm) Lid:  $2 \frac{3}{8} \times 1 \frac{3}{4} \times 1 \frac{3}{4}$  in. ( $6 \times 4.4 \times 4.4$  cm) Container:  $3 \frac{5}{8} \times 1 \frac{3}{4} \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$  in. ( $9.2 \times 4.4 \times 3.8$  cm)