

# Basic Detail Report

---



## Lime Container

### Date

19th Century

### Medium

Brass

### Description

This is a brass 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

A - Base:  $2 \frac{7}{8} \times 4 \frac{3}{8} \times 4 \frac{3}{8}$  in. (7.3 × 11.1 × 11.1 cm) B - Middle Part:  $\frac{5}{8} \times 3 \frac{7}{8} \times 4$  in. (1.6 × 9.8 × 10.2 cm) C - Lid :  $2 \frac{7}{8} \times 4 \frac{3}{8} \times 4 \frac{3}{8}$  in. (7.3 × 11.1 × 11.1 cm)