

Ceramic roof figure: phoenix

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.: 98.12.1 

Type: ceramics; architectural fragment

Date of production: 17th century

Place of production: China

Materials: earthenware

Techniques: engraved; glazed; stamped

Dimensions: height: 37 cm
length: 24.6 cm

In Chinese mythology, the phoenix (Chinese fenghuang) is the king of feathered creatures. Phoenix depictions often mix features of pheasants and peacocks, and frequently resemble coloured-feathered birds of paradise. The earthenware or stoneware body was decorated with yellow and green, or purple and turquoise blue (fahua) glaze.

