


# Ceramic roof figure: phoenix

## Chinese Collection

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| 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<br>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.

