


Burmese chair

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	58.275.1 
Type:	furniture; carving; textile arts
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Burma (Myanmar), Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	wood, silk, carved, openwork
Dimensions:	height: 92 cm

Western-style Burmese armchair with openwork decoration. This ornate piece of furniture, with its red silk upholstery (presumably retrofitted with a padded back for the European owner), was not only a basic function, but also an elegant decoration for a luxurious home. The stylized leafy border of the backrest is decorated with fruit, flowers and small birds, while the legs are made up of a vertical row of bird figures perched on a lion's head. The latter almost carry the armchair rest on their backs.

