

Lidded betel cup

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: **3907.1-2** 

Type: **metalwork**

Date of production: 19th century

Place of production: **Thailand (Siam), Southeast Asia**

Marks: three stars

Materials/Technique: **silver, repoussé**
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Dimensions: height: 7 cm
diameter: 9. 7 cm

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A silver North Thai round shaped betel container (klong mak) with floral motifs running around the tip and repeated lotus leaf motifs on the sides. The base has a three-star makers' mark and a difficult to make out inscription, probably Thai.

The object in the picture is a common accessory in betel sets consisting of three or five similar boxes and a betel leaf holder. Its ornate design and material suggest that it was made for a middle-class clientele.

