

Box

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: **3914** 

Type: **metalwork**

Date of production: 19th century

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

Materials/Technique
s: **silver, gilt, niello**

Dimensions: height: 1. 7 cm
width: 7. 7 cm
depth: 5. 7 cm

Acquisition: collection of Ferenc Hopp

A rectangular box covered with floral design, decorated with the niello technique, which was very popular in Siam at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. The niello is a rather elaborate craft technique that was introduced to Thailand by the Portuguese or the Persians. It was mainly the aristocrats of the time who commissioned craftsmen to make niello objects.

