


Box

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	3914 
Type:	metalwork
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Thailand (Siam), Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	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.

